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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

February 14, 1934

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Mr. E. E. Conroy,
Division of Investigation
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Not Known Subjects
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping - K.C. File 7-57

Dear Sir:

In connection with further investigation of the above matter, I learned today that Clarence "Doc" Eaton, is now using the name of Hubbard and operates a night club at Burlington, Wis. not far from the Police Station. He is well known to the officers there, but his true identity is apparently not known.

The local Police Department called my attention to a matter today which may bear checking. There has been a man stopping at the Birchwood Apartment House, 2225 Grand Avenue, under the name of Walter C. Johnson. He had with him a woman who was supposed to be his wife, another man, and a chauffeur. He had two Packard automobiles bearing Indiana licenses. When this man first came he gave a check for some expenses and it was returned, but before he left he was spending money right and left, playing the slot machine at the Elks Club by the hour, and when drunk making other displays of his money. He was supposed to be selling some kind of a gasoline saver for automobiles, but apparently made no effort to sell any here. He left the end of last week for Moline, Ill. and is now stopping at the LeClaire Hotel. The description I have is very vague other than he is a very large man, six feet or more and weighing 375 to 400 lbs. Could this be any chance be "Big Homer" whom you advised me of. I do not have a description of the latter.

Mr. Findley, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation advised me this evening that he received another letter from "Little Joe" designating the spot now as near Mt. Airy, Ia. He names a James Padden, mayor of Ryham(?), Ill. as head of the gang who took Bremer. This mayor gives protection to various gangs and has a man named Murphy in on the deal with him. Padden is supposed to own a sporting house and gambling place at 101 Plummer St., Cahoon City, either Illinois or Indiana. I will secure a copy of this letter and advise you.

The tap is working on the phone here, but no information of any value has yet been revealed. I am forwarding you a copy of same in the next mail.

Very truly yours,

cc - Division
cc - St. Paul.

O.C. Dewey, Special Agent

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

For your information, there is attached copy of
report of W.A. Rorer, Inspector, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 14, 1934, in the above case.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California
February 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING
L. A. File 7-42

On this date, telegraphic communication was received from Frank X. Fay, Special Agent in Charge, New York Division Office, requesting that the EM Manufacturing Company, 763 Pico Street, Los Angeles, makers of electric sirens used for fire and general alarms, be contacted to ascertain the towns in the middle west where that type of alarm is used; the information obtained to be directed to the St. Paul Division Office.

In compliance with the above, Special Agent C. D. White of this office contacted the above concern, Mr. H. Miles, owner, advising that his records back to 1931, in which year he began manufacturing a general siren alarm, reflect that shipments were made to the following points:

St. Louis, Missouri - a 220 volt airport siren - deep-toned.
Covington, Oklahoma - " 110 " siren.
Holden, Utah - " " " "
Mt. Hope, Kansas - " " " "
Pelley, Texas - " " " "

Mr. Miles further advised that the largest distributors of general alarm sirens for the middle west are the Federal Electric Company, 8700 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, and the Sterling Siren Fire-Alarm Company, 61 Allen Street, Rochester, New York.

The following names of manufacturers of the above equipment were furnished by Mr. Miles:

E. D. Bullard Company, 275-8th Street, San Francisco
Benjamin Electric Manufacturing Company, Des Plaines, Illinois
The Cosgrove Company, Lyons Avenue and Coit Street, Irvington, New Jersey.

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J. H. Headberg Company, 321 West Reed Street, San Jose,
California.
The Schwabe Electric Company, Adrian, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

YEL:ML
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AIR MAIL

February 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803 Post-Office Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your teletype message of February 14th and telegram of February 16, 1934, requesting investigation at Rochester, N. Y., relative to the manufacture and sale of siren alarms. You are advised that on February 15th, Special Agent T. E. Lott of this office contacted M. C. Armstrong, vice president of the Sterling Siren Fire Alarm Company, 86 Allen Street, Rochester, N. Y.

With regard to the Interstate Machine Products Company, Mr. Armstrong stated that his company had taken over this business many years ago. At the present time he said that the Sterling Company and the Federal Electric Company of Chicago, Ill. are the largest manufacturers of sirens in the United States, and he furnished Agent Lott with the following list of the manufacturers of this type of alarm, together with their addresses:

Federal Electric Company,
2800 South State Street,
Chicago, Ill.

W. S. Darley & Co.,
2810 Washington Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

Bullard Signal Co.,
275 - 8th Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

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J. H. Hedberg,
831 West Reed Street,
San Jose, Calif.

The Cosgrave Co.,
Lyons Ave. and Coit Street,
Irvington, N. J.

B. & M. Manufacturing Co.,
763 Pico Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Erick Electric Siren Co.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Decot's Machine Works,
Sauk City, Wisc.

Mr. Anderson stated that when inquiries are made at the Bullard Company above referred to, this company should be requested also to furnish a list of customers of the Siracode Company, which the Bullard Company purchased about a year ago. He further advised that the Erick Electric Siren Co. and Decot's Machine Works practically control the sale of sirens in their respective States, and very few products of other manufacturers will be found in those States.

Agent Lott secured from Mr. Armstrong a typewritten list of his company's customers in the States of North and South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. It is noted that opposite each customer's name is indicated the type of siren said customer purchased, and bulletins describing these sirens are enclosed herewith, as also are the typewritten lists.

You are advised that attempts are being made by this office to locate the Cosgrave Company at Irvington, N. J., for the purpose of making appropriate inquiry, and further that upon receipt of your wire of February 16th, Mr. Armstrong was requested by telephone to mail to this office a list of all his company's customers in Eastern Nebraska, and this list will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

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You are further advised that appropriate telegrams have been addressed to the offices covering siren alarm manufacturers listed above, and they have been requested to make the necessary investigation and obtain and forward to your office lists of these companies' customers.

Very truly yours,

F. K. SAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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February 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir,

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER (VICTIM)
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION

There have been forwarded to you under separate cover a number of samples of wall paper, which were collected by agents of this office. While it does not appear that any of these samples approximate the description given by the victim, they have been submitted because the manufacturers thought they bore some resemblance.

Very truly yours,

cc/Division ✓

F. I. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Ave.
New York City

SPECIAL DELIVERY

February 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

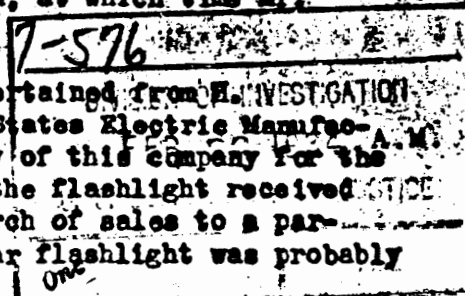
February 17, 1934.

Reference is made to your letter of

Mr. Henry Hyman, President of the United States Electric Manufacturing Corporation, 222 W. 14th Street, New York City, has referred the inspection of the records in his office to Mr. Atkins, office manager, who prepared a list setting forth notations of sales in the middle West district, of all flash lights in the instant case, which has been transmitted to you. In compliance with letter of reference, contact was made with the United States Electric Manufacturing Corporation, for the purpose of further identifying model 637 EM, which was received by this office today.

Mr. Atkins, the only person familiar with the records of the factory, is confined to his bed because of illness and consequently was not interviewed. Arrangements were made to complete the investigation on February 20th, at which time Mr. Atkins will be available.

It was, however, ascertained from H. ROSENBERG, Production Manager of the United States Electric Manufacturing Corporation, who has been in the employ of this company for the past twenty seven years, upon examination of the flashlight received from your office in order to restrict the search of sales to a particular date and district, that this particular flashlight was probably



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made about two years ago, the identifying feature being the insulation of the top end of the tube which has a discontinued type of insulation. The reflector head seats itself on this insulation cap and is a defect which feature has been corrected by a later manufacture.

The difficulty in determining the exact date of the manufacture of this particular flashlight arises from the fact that its assemblage parts are interchangeable. For example, the cap is of standard size and may be used on either 2, 3, or 5 cell tubes. The heads are interchangeable and may be used on 2 or 5 cell tubes. However, it is not customary to use the large reflector head on the 2 cell size flashlight. The spring in the cap used to hold the battery in place and known as the battery spring, is not the type used by this particular company and the possibility therefore arises from an examination of the tube that because of certain corrosive features on the inside of this tube, new wells were inserted and that the battery spring had become corroded from the action of the zinc chloride of the dead cells and was no longer able to be used. To further determine whether this probability occurred, new cells were placed in the flashlight and it was found that the flashlight was in working order.

A complete record will be obtained of all sales of this particular flashlight so that the possibility of any sales might not be missed and this search will start with the records appearing in the year 1928 up to and through the present date.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division
St. Paul

LIST OF TOWNS IN WHICH HENDRIE & BOLTHOFF COMPANY'S SIRENS ARE SOLD

ILLINOIS

Christopher
East St. Louis
Johanna City
Prophetstown
Kirkland
Cassier
West Frankfort

IOWA

Adel
Algona
Ansonia
Delleplaine
Delmar
Cherokee
Decorah
Dexter
Dysart
Emmettsburg
Gladbrook
Glenwood
Goldfield
Grand Junction
Grealey
Hampton
Holstein
Jefferson
Leon
Malvern
Mevada
Northwood
Ogden
Oxford Junction
Ripley
Sheffield
Toledo
West Liberty
Woodward

WISCONSIN

None in Wisconsin

NORTH DAKOTA

Liston

NEBRASKA

Bayard
Bloomfield
Central City
Chappell
Creighton
Coring
Kimball
Louisville
Lyman
Minatare
Mitchell
Ocell
Shelton
Tilden
Waver
Wymore
Albia

* The sirens sold in Illinois were sold mainly to Mining and Coal Companies I am told but Mr. Drenner did not have the names of the companies and could not get the same without searching the files and as wire did not call for same these names were not requested.

** Nebraska was not segregated and obtained all towns therein.

303-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah.
February 17, 1935

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Unknown subjects
Re: Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram of February 15, 1935,
in which you asked that the firm of Hendrie and Boltheff, Denver,
Colo., be contacted for the purpose of securing a record of the
persons or concerns to whom they have sold their sirens, permit
me to advise the following which was received from Agent Val
C. Zimmer of this office stationed at Denver, Colo.:

At the office of this company located at 1639 - 17th
Street, Denver, Colo., it was learned that the company manufactures
and sells sirens that are used as general alarms for municipalities
such as fire and police alarms, and also as alarms in coal towns.
The company does make a few smaller sirens that may be used on
automobiles, such as are suitable for police and fire automotive
equipment. However, no record of the persons, concerns or
municipalities to whom these latter described sirens are sold is
maintained. The general alarm sirens are recorded and they are
manufactured in sizes from 3' square and weighing approximately
300 pounds, up to and including sirens weighing a ton or more.

From Mr. E. L. Bremen of this company, a list of the
towns wherein their siren is sold within the territory of Illinois,
Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and Eastern Nebraska was secured and
you will find that list attached.

The siren sold in the communities listed is known as
the "Denver" siren. This is a large siren used only in general
alarms as described above. The company does manufacture and sell
a few of the small 6 Volt sirens used on automotive equipment but
it is not possible to furnish the names and addresses of the
purchasers of this type of siren.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of February 16, 1934, setting forth the locations of the H. L. Green Chain Stores in the middle west district, where the flashlights involved in this case probably were sold, please be advised that investigation at these stores will be conducted as early as possible.

In the meantime, interview was had with Mr. F. D. Bennett of the U. S. Electric Manufacturing Corporation, 525 West Park Street, Chicago, who, after inspecting the original exhibits in this case, advised that it is very probable that all three of the flashlights were purchased at the same store. He said that he is practically certain that this type of flashlight was not shipped by his company to any mail order house, and that in all probability, it was sold to small chain stores.

Mr. Bennett said that the type of end cap attached to these flashlights is one of which not very many have been sold; further, that this type of end cap has never been sold through the Chicago office of the U. S. Electric Co., but were shipped direct from the factory in New York. Mr. Bennett suggested that one of the black flashlight cases, together with the end cap, be submitted immediately to the factory in New York for inspection, as he believes that it will be possible to determine exactly where these particular flashlights, bearing these particular end caps, were sold in the middle west.

Mr. Bennett has a sample of the silver case flashlight identical with the silver flashlight case exhibit in this case in his office, and he is today forwarding his sample to the factory, together with a letter describing all of the flashlights and advising the factory that an agent from the New York office will call there for further information. The sample flashlight case which Mr. Bennett is

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forwarding to the factory is identical in every respect except that it does not have the same lens cap. Mr. Bennett said this and was a very important part of the exhibit and would greatly aid the factory in determining the places where these flashlights were sold.

In accordance with Mr. Bennett's suggestion, there is being forwarded to you today by air mail one of the black flashlight base exhibits, and it is respectfully requested that you immediately present this to Mr. Henry Hyman, president of the U. S. Electric Manufacturing Corporation, 222 West 14th Street, New York City, for his inspection, and obtain all possible information regarding the places where these flashlights were sold. When the flashlight exhibit has served its purpose, it is to be returned by air mail to this office, to be used in further investigation of this matter. Any information you obtain from the U. S. Electric Corporation likewise is to be forwarded to this office by air mail.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul

E. E. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION

CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WELLES, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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 NM - Night Message
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 LCO - Deferred Cable
 NLT - Cable Night Letter
 WLT - Week-End Letter

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Received at

St. Paul, Minnesota,
 February 15, 1934.

SEND THE FOLLOWING NIGHT LETTER TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

* CONTACT NEWS DEALERS YOUR JURISDICTION SELLING MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLIC CHECK ALL PURCHASERS WHOSE IDENTITY APPEARS SUSPICIOUS BEAR IN MIND SUBJECTS DOC AND FRED BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS

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J.E.P. DUNN, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
 617 Federal Building, Los Angeles, California.

R. WHITLEY, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
 286 1/2 Post Office Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

F.I. FAY, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
 870 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, N.Y.

Dwight Brantley, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

R.G. HARVEY, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
 735 Philadelphia Saving Fund, Philadelphia, Pa.

E.A. TAMM, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
 1206 Law and Finance Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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 503-A U.S. Court House & Post Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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 1216 Smith-Young Tower Building, San Antonio, Utah.

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 318 Hewes Building, San Francisco, California.

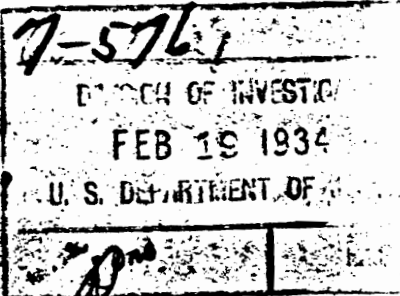
D.M. LADD, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
 601 Title Guaranty Building, St. Louis, Missouri.

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 Hurley-Wright Building, Washington, D.C.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
303 Post Office Building,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
HOWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-32.

This will confirm my telephonic conversation with you today, at which time you requested a description of the house and the room in which Mr. Howard A. Woolverton was held when he was kidnaped, presumably by Eddie LaRue and George Kelly.

You are informed that the only information we have in this matter is contained in the report of Special Agent J. T. Martin, of this office, dated February 12, 1934, together with the signed statement of Howard A. Woolverton, which was forwarded to you together with a copy of the said report.

It is believed, however, that you have not received a drawing of the room in which Woolverton was held; therefore, a photostatic copy of the drawing prepared by Mr. Woolverton is being forwarded herewith for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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617 Federal Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
February 14th, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

In re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping LA File 7-42

Reference is made to your letter to the Chicago Division Office under date of January 28, 1934, carbon copies of which were sent to all Division offices in connection with the above entitled matter.

Please be advised that all extortion and other written documents of various Subjects contained in the files of this office have been scrutinized for incorrect spellings, but no pertinent information was developed.

In the absence of any further leads, no further investigation is being conducted in this district relative to this case.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Your attention is invited to the communication from your office, dated February 7, 1934, recording memorandum received from Special Agent Dawsey of Davenport, Iowa. This office is of the opinion that the statement made by Mrs. Mary Crow of 2340 West High Street, Davenport, relative to the identity of individuals residing two doors from that house and certain incidents alleged to have occurred therein should be thoroughly investigated.

It is believed that an Agent should gain admission to the house in an "undercover" capacity. This has been done in this jurisdiction by an Agent claiming to be connected with [redacted] and entering for the purpose of inspecting [redacted]. However, the guise under which the Agent enters the house, of course, depends upon local conditions and must be decided by the Agent conducting the investigation in the light thereof. Close scrutiny should be made of the location of the various rooms in the house in question. For this purpose, there is transmitted herewith a sketch showing the location of the various rooms and appurtenances on the floor of the house in which the Victim was held, according to the statements of the Victim himself. This is, of course, not guaranteed to be correct in every particular but does reflect specific statements made by said Victim and can, of course, be used for the purpose of deciding whether the location of the various rooms, et cetera, in this house or in any other house suspected in the future, coincide therewith.

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It is suggested that prompt attention be given to
this matter.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
805 Post Office Building,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-576.

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation of Assistant Director Harold Nathan on February 14, 1934, requesting that this office secure a list of the towns in Northern Illinois which have street car lines operating through them.

There is enclosed herewith two copies of a list of the towns in Northern Illinois in which either or both street cars and/or electric suburban trains are in operation.

This information was obtained from the McGraw Electric Railway Directory for 1930, borrowed from H. D. Crews, Supervisor of Public Relations, Chicago Surface Lines, Room 1426, 2231 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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**Electric Lines and Street Car Lines
in NORTHERN ILLINOIS**

<u>CITY</u>	<u>ELECTRIC INTERURBANS</u>	<u>STREET CAR LINES</u>
Argo	C & J	
Aurora	AE & FR	Yes
Batavia	AE & FR	
Bellwood	CA & E	Yes
Berkley	CA & E	Yes
Berwyn		Yes
Blue Island	IO	
Broadview		
Brookfield		
Bureau	C & IV	
Carpentersville	AE & FR	
Central	C & IV	
Chicago	Various	
Cicero		
Coleman	AE & FR	
De Pue	C & IV	
Dixon		Abandoned
Dundee	AE & FR	
Elmhurst	CA & E	
Elmwood Park		Yes
Evanston	CNS & M	
Flossmoor	IO	
Forest Park	CA & E	
Fort Sheridan	CNS & M	
Freeport		Abandoned
Geneva	AE & FR	
Glencoe	CNS & M	
Glen Ellyn	CA & E	
Great Lakes	CNS & M	Yes
Harvey	IO	
Highland Park	CNS & M	
High Lake	CA & E	
Highwood	CNS & M	
Hillside	CA & E	
Homewood	IO	
Howe	C & IV	
Joliet	C & IV	Yes
Kenilworth	CNS & M	
Kensington	IO	Yes
La Grange		
La Grange Park		
Lake Bluff	CNS & M	
Lake Forest	CNS & M	
Lambert	C & J	
La Salle	C & IV	

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CITY	ELECTRIC INTERURBANS	STREET CAR LINES
Libertyville,	CNS & M	
Lisbon Center,	W & IV	
Lockport,	C & F	
Lombard,	CA & E	
Lyons,	C & F	Yes
Marseilles,	C & IV	
Matteson	IC	
Maywood,		Yes
Melrose Park,		
Minooka	C & IV	
Montgomery,	AE & FR	
Mooseheart,	AE & FR	
Morris,	C & IV	
Mundelein,	CNS & M	
Niles Center,	CNS & M	Yes
North Aurora,	AE & FR	
North Chicago,	CNS & M	
North Riverside,		
Oak Park,	CA & E	
Ottawa,	S & IV	
Princeton,	C & IV	
Ramont,	C & F	
Riverdale,	IC	
Riverside,		
River Forest,		
Rockford,	Abandoned	Abandoned
Rockport,	C & F	
Rockdale,	C & IV	
Romeo,	C & F	
Seneca,	C & IV	
South Chicago,	IC	Yes
Spring Valley,	C & IV	
St. Charles,	CA & E AE & FR	
Stockney,		Yes
Stratford Hills,	CA & E	
Summit	C & F	
Utica,	C & IV	
Villa Park,	CA & E	
Warrenville,	CA & E	
Waukegan,	CNS & M	Yes
Wayne,	CA & E	
Westchester,	CA & E	
West Chicago,	CA & E	

<u>STATION</u>	<u>ELECTRIC INTERURBANS</u>	<u>STREET CAR LINES</u>
Western Springs,	CA & F	Yes
Wheaton,	CNS & M	Yes
Willow Springs,	CNS & M	Yes
Wilmette,	F & IU	Yes
Yorkville,	CNS & M	Yes
Elmhurst,	CNS & M	Yes

Abbreviations

AE & FR	-Aurora, Elgin & Fox River Electric Co.
CA & F	Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railroad Co.
C & J	Chicago and Joliet Electric Railway Co.
C & IV	Chicago and Illinois Valley Railroad Co.
CNS & M,	Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad
F & IU	Fox and Illinois Union Railway
IC	Illinois Central (Electric)

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-56.

In the above matter, I transmit herewith letter dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 14, 1934, signed, Sergt. Ed. J. Powers, Retired, 8012 Langley Ave., Chicago, which letter was received by the Chief of Police at St. Paul, giving information regarding certain individuals whom he came in contact with while an officer.

Please give this matter your appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

WENDE HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-39.

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I am forwarding under separate cover a rough drawing of the wall paper design, which is the best possible conception this office can obtain from Victim Bremer, of the wall paper design which was in the room of his confinement during his abduction.

It is believed that there were only four trees in each complete design, there being two trees on a horizontal line above two trees and a cluster of flowers seemingly attached to what appeared to be a branch between each two trees. The flowers, which appeared on these clusters and also on the trees, were similar and of a four leaf clover effect. Victim Bremer stated that these flowers were of different colors but that his only recollection is that some were purple and that he does not believe that any were red or green.

The victim believes that there were four sections of a fence in the design and that the fence at the upper left hand portion of the design consisted of eleven parts; that there were two upright posts followed by a horizontal post to each fence and that the upper left hand fence appeared very close to a tree, which tree appeared to cut in half the last portion of the fence which was an upright post. Victim believed that the fence in the lower left hand corner of the design had only upright posts between the tree and the closest horizontal post to the tree. Victim appears to be quite certain that the posts on the right hand side of the design, both upper and lower, contained only nine pieces to the fence but that he means nine including horizontals and uprights.

Victim believes that there were approximately six inches between the base of the upper trees and the top of the lower trees and that this space contained no design and was of a dull yellow color. He believed that to the immediate right and left of the trees there was a vague design of branches without any color which he can recall. He believes that this paper had a dark border at the top but cannot describe the design therein. From his description, it is apparent that the paper is of a cheap variety rather than an expensive one.

Inquiry at Minneapolis, Minnesota, has disclosed to this office that ROBERT GRIFFIN of the United Wall Paper Company, 137 West Side, Jersey City, New Jersey, is the acknowledged expert in wall paper patterns in this country. This information was furnished by MRS. FRANK HIRSHFIELD, who advises that Griffin is cognizant of practically all wall paper designs. It is requested that you immediately contact Mr. Griffin and advise him of what information you have concerning this design and solicit his cooperation in the identification of the patterns. In contacting Mr. Griffin, it is suggested that the name of Mrs. Frank Hirschfield of Minneapolis be used as she claims to be a very close business associate of Griffin.

It is requested that this design be immediately photostated by the New York Office and three copies furnished the Chicago Division Office in order that it may continue investigation in its district for the purpose of identifying this pattern. This lead should be given EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION.

It is also requested that two photostatic copies of this design be furnished to the St. Louis Division Office; two to the Kansas City Division Office; and six to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN HANKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Kansas City
CC New York

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please ascertain identity of owner, and description of car bearing 1933 Illinois license plates #772-064, referred to in the enclosed letter from Harry W. Cain, Roman, Iowa, who advised that this car stopped at his filling station and that the occupants, a man and woman, gave him a Federal Reserve note, the numbers of which note, however, do not correspond with the serial numbers of the ransom money in the above entitled case.

When the enclosed letter has served its purpose, it is requested that same be returned to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In the above matter, I transmit herewith letter written by Preston C. Stephenson, Lorange, Louisiana, dated February 8, 1934, addressed to George F. Sullivan, who is the United States Attorney in St. Paul.

It is suggested that you contact Stephenson and obtain whatever information he has in mind relative to the possible hideout and suspects located at Sioux City, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANFT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

With reference to report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, made at Detroit, Michigan, February 15, 1934, in the above matter, I call your attention to paragraph three of page three, which deals with the Hayes Hotel in Chicago, Frank Hayes, as well as \$2700.00 of the Urschel ransom money.

It is suggested that any lead appearing in this report, in your district, be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida.

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February 16, 1934

R. A. Alt,
Tampa Terrace Hotel,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

For your information I am enclosing the following,
received from Chicago and New York Division Offices simultaneously
at 7:45 P. M. today:

From Chicago: Letter dated February 15, 1934, and letter
dated February 15, 1934, via Air Mail Special Delivery.

From New York: Report of Special Agent L. G. Furrer, New York,
dated February 15, 1934, EDDIE DOLL with aliases - FUGITIVE,
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; Marriage License of
Leonard E. Foley (Doll) and Doris Crane Barton; Affidavit for
License to Marry of same parties; Copy of report of Special
Agent M. B. Rhodes, New York, dated December 18, 1933.

Very truly yours,

L. E. Kingman,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

February 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,
Victim, Kidnaping, Chicago File
#7-82.

Reference is made to my letter of February 16, 1934, in which
was enclosed a list of towns in Northern Illinois in which either or
both street cars and/or electric suburban trains are in operation.
Referring to Page 2 of this list, the word "Yes" should be inserted
under the heading "Street Car Lines", opposite Rockford, as it has been
learned that street cars are in operation in that city.

Very truly yours,

M.H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
803 Post Office Building,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-576

Reference is made to my letters of February 14 and 15, 1934 and a letter from the Philadelphia Division Office, dated February 13, 1934, in connection with the above matter.

Mr. C. A. Larson, Manager of the Atlas Wall Paper Mills, Inc., Coal City, Illinois, was contacted and patch books, containing approximately 500 patterns, were examined by Special Agent (A) W. E. Rich and Special Agent J. H. Rice, covering a period from 1928 to 1934, but no patterns were found to resemble the design in question. This company was organized in 1928.

It has been further ascertained that the United Wall Paper Company, Joliet Branch, Joliet, Illinois, was formerly known as the Standard Wall Paper Company, this company having been covered in my letter of February 15, 1934.

Mr. L. E. Gedette, in charge of the Chicago Warehouse of the Imperial Paper & Color Corporation, Inc., 3801 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, advised Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner, that the W. H. S. Lloyd Company, importers of wall paper, 434 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, might have samples of paper not manufactured by American manufacturers and a report covering the examination of the samples of paper of this company will be submitted immediately.

Agent Rich secured the attached sample of wall paper, marked 7-H, from Mr. F. G. Snadden, Secretary of the Superior Wall Paper Company, Joliet, Illinois, No. 7979, as requested in the letter from the Philadelphia Division Office, dated February 13, information having been received from the Enterprise Wall Paper Company, South Langhorn, Pa., that they recently purchased a design, resembling that described by BREMER, from the Superior Wall Paper Company, Joliet, Illinois. The attached is a sample of the paper referred to in the letter of the Philadelphia Office and is being transmitted for the inspection of the Saint Paul Office.

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Mr. Snedden, above referred to, has been quite enthusiastic about the attempts being made to trace this wall paper design. It is his opinion that the description and illustration furnished by the Victim is so vague that it considerably lessens the possibility of the tracing. Mr. Snedden stated he is willing to personally interview the Victim, relative to the wall paper he describes, stating he would be accompanied by one of his designers and believes that by so doing, after interrogating the Victim at length, his designer would be able to develop a pattern which would closely approximate the type of pattern being sought.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Division
Philadelphia

W. A. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

503-1 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah.
February 14, 1934

Mr. Harold Nathan,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Unknown subjects
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 5, 1934, in which you requested the names of the suspects of the mint robbery at Denver, Colo., permit me to advise that Val C. Zimmer of this office contacted Mr. Rowland K. Goddard, Operative in Charge, United States Secret Service, Denver, Colo., and Mr. Goddard informed Agent Zimmer that he had received a wire from his Chief at Washington, D. C. requesting that this Division be furnished with the desired information.

Mr. Goddard informed Agent Zimmer that the mint robbery case was a very old one and that while he had been very familiar with it, he was unable to furnish all the needed facts at once due to the lapse of time. He promised to go thru his file and furnish memoranda of the facts and also to furnish photographs of suspects, with their descriptions. Mr. Goddard was delayed further in preparing his material due to the fact that Mrs. Goddard, his wife, was operated on during the period that he promised to engage himself in this matter and the information did not come to this office until February 13, 1934.

Enclosed herein you will find the following:

1. Summary of facts of robbery and names of suspects.
2. Statement of Otto Schultz dated 2-10-23.
3. Confidential circular to Agents of the Secret Service dated at Denver, Colo. March 1923, which contains names of persons believed implicated in the mint robbery, with descriptions.
4. Report of Operative R.K. Goddard dated Denver, Colo. 2-22-23.

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5. 3 Denver, Colo. Police Circulars.

6. Photograph of James Clark with aliases, on the reverse side of which is his description.

7. Photograph of James Franklin, on the reverse side of which is his description.

8. Photograph of Robert Leon Knapp, on the reverse side of which is his description.

9. Photograph of Ray Brown, on the reverse side of which is his description.

10. Photograph of Maggie Sheeg (RM), on the reverse side of which is her description.

11. Photograph of Florence Thompson, on the reverse side of which is her description.

12. Clipping from the Denver, Colo. Post, issue of 3-8-32.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division

AIR MAIL

1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
205 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of February 15, 1934,
and a letter from the Cincinnati Division office dated February 15, 1934,
in connection with the above entitled matter.

The W. H. S. Lloyd Company, 434 South Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Illinois, wall paper importers and jobbers, was contacted by
Special Agent W. C. Jamison, and approximately 2,200 samples of wall
paper were examined. Nothing resembling the design described by victim
was found. Mr. F. Tebbett advised that the Lloyd Company handled prin-
cipally imported papers, most of the designs coming from England, but
that they had a few French and German designs. It was the opinion of Mr.
Tebbett that the design described by victim would probably be found in
the so-called "scenic" wall paper, or may be obtained by putting together
two or more different patterns of wall paper. To illustrate this second
point he furnished a page from one of their catalogues, which is trans-
mitted herewith marked A-1, which shows the effect obtained by putting
together six different designs of paper. Mr. Tebbett further advised
that it might be possible that the design described would be found in
the imported German papers, and that the Schottenberg Company, Marshall
Field Annex, Chicago, which handles a large line of German wall papers
should be contacted.

Mr. Schottenberg advised Agent Jamison that the design
described by victim would in all probability be found in a domestic
rather than an imported scenic wall paper. Mr. Schottenberg stated that
he has been in the wall paper business all his life, and had specialized
in imported paper, and that he could not recall any design in imported
paper which resembled in any way the paper described by victim. He further
stated that scenic wall paper is quite expensive, both domestic and im-
ported, and that it is usually found only in the more expensive homes or
apartments. Approximately sixty books of samples of paper were examined
without result.

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At the Lugo Company, 2112 West 21st St., Chicago, Ill., wall paper jobbers, Mr. Goldberg advised that he could not recall any paper in any of the lines they have jobbed which resembled the paper sought. This company had available only sample books for the year 1934 from the following firms: Secondary Wall Paper Company; Superior Campbell Line; Prager Company, Inc., and Superior Wall Paper Company, Joliet, Ill. No design resembling that described was found.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1408
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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February 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the cities in the
middlewest which use alarm sirens, there are transmitted here-
with lists of those cities in the State of Nebraska where
Sterling Sirens have been installed.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Day
Special Agent in Charge

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Village of Blue Hills, Nebr.	
City of Johnson, Nebr.	Vertical
Pine Ridge Agency, Rushville, Nebr.	
Village of Diller, Diller, Nebr.	
Village of Benedict, Nebr.	
City of Gothenburg, Nebr.	
City of Wahoo, Nebr.	
City of Osmont, Nebr.	Mode
City of Nelbuck, Nebr.	
Town of Alma, Nebr.	
City of Ansley, Nebr.	
City of Anapahos, Nebr.	
City of Auburn, Nebr.	
City of Aurora, Nebr.	
Nebraska Gas & Elec. Co. Aurora, Neb.	
Village of Bancroft, Nebr.	
Village of Bellwood, Nebr.	
C. H. West, Beemer, Nebr.	
Town of Bladen, Nebr.	
City of Brainerd, Nebr.	
City of Bridgeport, Nebr.	
Western Public Service Co., Bridgeport, Neb.	
Village of Blue Springs, Nebr.	
City of Brunswick, Nebr.	
City of Butte, Nebr.	
Village of Burchard, Nebr.	
Village of Galloway, Nebr.	
Village of Campbell, Nebr.	
Village of Chambers, Nebr.	
Clay Center, Nebr. Fire Dept.	
The M. M. Johnson Co. Clay Center, Nebr.	
Fire Dept. Clearwater, Nebr.	
Town of Coleridge, Nebr.	
Village of College View, Nebr.	
City of Comstock, Nebr.	
City of Crawford, Nebr.	
Fire Dept. Davenport, Nebr.	
Fire Dept. Doniphan, Nebr.	
City of Elk Creek, Nebr.	
City of Elmwood, Nebr.	
City of Elwood, Fire Dept.	
City of Exeter, Nebr.	
City of Fullerton, Nebr.	
Fire Dept. Falls City, Nebr.	
Robinson Quartermaster Depot, Ramount	
Fort Robinson, Nebr.	
Republican Galley Telephone Co., Franklin	
Town of Giltner, Nebr.	
City of Gordon, Nebr.	
City of Grant, Nebr.	
Town of Greeley, Nebr.	
Village of Gresham, Nebr.	
City of Havelock, Nebr.	
City of Hebron, Nebr.	

Fire Dept. Hershey, Nebr.	Model M
City of Holbrook, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Homer, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Lynch, Nebr.	"
Village of Lyons, Nebr.	"
Town of Marquette, Nebr.	"
McCook City Water Works, Nebr.	"
Western Public Service Co., Minatare, Neb.	"
Nebraska Power Co., Valley, Nebr.	"
City of Newman Grove, Nebr.	"
City of Newport, Nebr.	"
City of Oakland, Nebr.	"
Nebraska Power Co. Valley, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Osmond, Nebr.	"
City of Otoe, Nebr.	"
City of Oxford, Nebr.	"
Parkhurst Auto Elec. Co. Lincoln, Nebr.	"
City of Paxton, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Petersburg, Nebr.	"
City of Pierce, Nebr.	"
City of Polk, Nebr.	"
City of Ravenna, Nebr.	"
City of Rising City, Nebr.	"
Village of Shelby, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Stuart, Nebr.	"
Village of Silver Creek, Nebr.	"
Southern Nebraska Power Co. Superior, Neb.	"
E. E. Brownell, Sutherland, Nebr.	"
Town of Sayder, Nebr.	"
City of Syracuse, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. St. Edwards, Nebr.	"
City of Talmadge, Nebr.	"
City of Tekamah, Nebr.	"
Village of Unadilla, Nebr.	"
Village of Utica, Nebr.	"
City of Verdigris, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Walthill, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Waterloo, Nebr.	"
City of Wauneta, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Wauneta, Nebr.	"
City of Western, Nebr.	"
Fire Dept. Weston, Nebr.	"
City of Winslow, Nebr.	"
City of Wolbach, Nebr.	"
Town of Wood River, Nebr.	"
Town of York, Nebr.	"
City of Elmwood, Nebr.	Little Giant
Village of Crookston, Nebr.	"
Jansen Light & Lower Co., Jansen, Nebr.	"
City of Murdock, Nebr.	"
Village of Palmyra, Nebr.	"
Village of Ruskia, Nebr.	"
Village of Springview, Nebr.	"

Town of Theford, Mebr.

Little Giant

311 Harley-Wright Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1806 First National Bank Bldg.,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the covering of news stands
selling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers, Special
Agent Morris D. Traub at Baltimore, Maryland ascertained
that on Sunday, February 18, 1934, two men driving an
automobile bearing 1934 North Carolina tags No. 409-708
bought all available newspapers from Chicago, Illinois.
In addition to the North Carolina State license tags, the
automobile had a "Traverse City" license plate.

It is respectfully requested that your office
ascertain the name of the registrant of this automobile
and other pertinent data which may be available at the
Motor Vehicle Bureau at Raleigh, North Carolina or at
Traverse City, North Carolina.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 514
Birmingham, Alabama

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February 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram from the St. Paul Office dated February 15, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case wherein the Birmingham Office is requested to contact newspaper dealers in this district selling Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers in order that purchasers whose identity appears suspicious could be checked.

This is to advise that this is being done by this office in Atlanta and Macon, Georgia, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee, and Montgomery, Alabama. A check has already been made in Birmingham by Special Agent G. H. Lowdon, who has ascertained that no St. Paul and Minneapolis papers are sold by any of the news dealers or any of the hotels in Birmingham, Alabama. The St. Paul Office will immediately be advised as to the result of this inquiry in the other cities of this district.

In this connection, photographs of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell have been received but a check of the Birmingham files does not indicate this office is in possession of physical descriptions of these persons and it is requested that the St. Paul office furnish this information to the Birmingham Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

With reference to letter from this office to your
office under date of February 16, 1934, in the above captioned
case, please be advised that the date of the assault upon
Mr. Hasselbrook, at Topeka, Kansas, was February 16, 1934 and
not December 16, 1934, as reported in that letter.

Very truly yours,

M. G. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS:cm
cc - Division
cc - St. Paul
cc - K. C. File 62-760

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
805 Post Office Building,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-52.

In compliance with your telegram of February 15, 1934,
all news dealers in Chicago, handling Saint Paul and Minneapolis news-
papers, were contacted.

In addition to photographs of the Subjects mentioned in
your wire; namely, "Doc", Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, photographs of
Edward Doll, alias Edward LaRue, Eddie Banta, James Lawton, Harry
Campbell, Arthur R. Barker and Volney Davis were exhibited to these
news dealers. The complete survey showed that fourteen places in
Chicago handle Saint Paul and Minneapolis newspapers, and the total
sales do not average more than thirty copies per day. Of these fourteen
news dealers, only five were of the opinion they had, at one time or
another, seen anyone resembling any of the parties whose photographs
were shown them.

Mr. McDonough, of the news stand at the Morrison Hotel,
79 West Madison Street, was positive in his identification of Edward
Doll, alias Edward LaRue, as a man who had purchased Saint Paul papers
from him on five or six occasions, the last time, he believes, being
the week-end of February 10, 1934. When asked to describe the man
he identified as DOLL, Mr. McDonough stated he recalled very distinctly,
this party's peculiar laugh or big smile. He said he had had no con-
versation with this party but that on at least one occasion, after
buying a Saint Paul paper, this man had asked for a Minneapolis paper.
McDonough said he thought at the time this was rather peculiar, for
the reason that no customer wanting one of these papers, ever considered
taking the other, as a general rule.

Mr. McDonough described the man he identified as DOLL as
being of slender build, better than five feet ten inches tall,
weighing about 160 pounds, neat in appearance, about twenty-five years
of age, and usually wore dark clothes. He stated he had never seen
this man with any other person.

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A check was made at the Transportation Desk, the Key Desk and at Headquarters Office, of the Morrison Hotel, but no one at these places recognized the photograph of DOLL as a likeness of anyone who had stayed at the hotel. Mr. Purdy, Chief House Officer, Morrison Hotel, said DOLL's photograph looked familiar, but he did not believe this party had registered at the hotel. Mr. Purdy suggested that DOLL might have stayed at one of the smaller hotels in the neighborhood of the Morrison.

Accordingly, a check was made at the Hotel Harding, 715 North Clark Street; the Brevoort, 4130 West Madison Street; the Grant Hotel, at Dearborn and Madison; and the Saratoga Hotel, 400 South Dearborn Street, all being located in the vicinity of the Morrison Hotel.

At the Saratoga Hotel, the clerk stated he has seen DOLL many times but did not recognize the photographs of any of the other subjects mentioned. He was not sure where he had seen Doll but said he was certain he had not registered at the Saratoga Hotel. At the other hotels mentioned, no identifications were made in connection with the photographs shown the various clerks at these hotels.

At the Palmer House, State and Monroe Streets, the News Dealer said that DOLL had purchased at least one Saint Paul newspaper at his stand, but was not sure of the date and not certain enough of the identification to give any description. The Room Clerk, the head porter and the house officer at the Palmer House, failed to recognize the photographs of Subjects shown them, as the likenesses of any persons they had ever seen.

Miss Dresna, of the City Hall Book Shop, 111 North Clark Street, identified the photograph of DOLL as that of a party who had come in there for Saint Paul papers. She said at the time he purchased this paper, there was one on the stand outside the store and she procured this for him. She said she could not give any description of the man, but she thinks there was another man with him and that the party she claims resembled DOLL, wore a leather coat and a cap at the time. Her identification was not positive.

At the Queen City News Stand, State and Randolph Streets, the party interviewed stated he believed ALVIN KARPIS purchased Saint Paul and Minneapolis newspapers at that stand about three weeks ago. He was not positive as to this identification and could give no description of the party he thought resembled ALVIN KARPIS, merely stating the photograph of Karpis looked like a person who had obtained Saint Paul and Minneapolis papers at that stand.

At the Post Office News Stand, 63 West Randolph Street, Chicago, it was ascertained that parties resembling ALVIN KARPIS and VOLNEY DAVIS purchased Saint Paul newspapers there. They were unable to give any descriptions of these parties and their identifications were not positive.

At the Morrison Hotel, the Transportation Clerk was shown pictures of the Subjects in question and asked if he could recall any of these parties making reservations for air travel. He failed to recognize any of the Subjects as resembling persons who had called at that office.

At the office of the American Airways, 312 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a check was made of the lists of passengers making flights South from February 7 to February 11, 1934, as it was thought that DOLL might have gone to Florida by plane with a companion. The lists revealed that only six persons had booked passage to Florida during the period indicated and none of these persons could be identified as DOLL.

In the near future, inquiries will again be made at the news stand where ALVIN KARPIS and VOLNEY DAVIS are believed to have been identified, in the hope it may be ascertained these parties are making regular trips to the news stand.

Very truly yours,

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CC:Division
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M. E. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 512,
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BRENNAN - Victim.
Kidnaping - S.I. File No. 7.

Dear Sir:

Under date of February 16th, 1934, I received a telegram from the Portland Division office requesting that I refer to the August 1933 number of the American Bankers' Journal, in which appeared a photograph of one Homer Watkins. I was instructed to immediately display this photograph of Homer Watkins to Arthur Johnson, an inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, for the purpose of determining if he could identify the photograph of Homer Watkins as being that of Big Homer.

Agent A.R. Gore of this office attended to this matter promptly, and exhibited the photograph of Homer Watkins to Johnson, whereupon Johnson stated that Homer Watkins and Big Homer were not one and the same.

I telegraphed you to this effect on February 17th, 1934.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
February 19 1934

Mr. E. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Tampa Terrace Hotel
Tampa, Florida

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G.
Bromer, Victim - Kidnaping

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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On the afternoon of February 17 Acting Special Agent in Charge Spears of the Kansas City, Missouri office telephonically contacted this office and advised that he had communicated with you and that it was deemed necessary to again interview Kathryn Kelly at Milan, Michigan for the purpose of securing additional specific information regarding the association of herself and George Kelly with Doris Barton and Eddie Larue, this information being essential in order to properly interrogate Doris Barton, who denied knowing Kathryn Kelly.

Confirming my telephonic communication with you yesterday, please be advised that I had a further talk with Kathryn Kelly and she informed me that about June 1, 1933 George Kelly, through pre-arrangement, met Eddie Larue and George Bates at the Post Office in Cleveland, Ohio. She states that the reason for this meeting was to attempt to negotiate some bank robberies in that vicinity; that Larue had proceeded to Cleveland, evidently from Chicago, in his maroon colored Chevrolet Coupe with Doris Barton and her eight year old nephew and that George Bates had arrived there from Denver by train. She stated that the following day after this meeting both she and George accidentally ran into Doris Barton and Larue at a parking lot, name unknown. She further advised that Bates stayed in Cleveland, a day or two and then proceeded by train to Indianapolis, Indiana; that Doris Barton and Eddie Larue, together with the eight year old boy, proceeded to Aurora, Illinois where Larue informed the Kellys he was to leave Doris Barton and the boy. The Kellys purchased a new 18 cylinder Cadillac on June 4 and the proceeded to Indianapolis. A few days later Bates, Larue and Kelly met in the Post Office at Indianapolis and further discussions were held regarding bank robberies in that vicinity, Larue having driven to Indianapolis from Aurora. She states that the gang purchased another Chevrolet Coupe or Sedan which was to be used in the robberies. Before any robberies were negotiated, Larue, Bates and Kelly became engaged in an altercation with the result that no robbery was committed and Bates and Larue proceeded back to Chicago, the Kellys going to Texas. Kathryn Kelly states that when a few miles outside the city of Indianapolis, Kelly, Larue and Bates matched for the machine-gun and Bates won. This, she states, was the machine-gun found in the possession of Bailey when he was apprehended at Paradise, Texas.

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Mrs. Kelly states that she later learned that Larue, Doris Barton and the eight year old boy had been living in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, as indicated in my communication of February 9. She further states that while she and Kelly were residing at 4000 St. Charles Street, New Orleans between November 28, 1932 and December 2, 1932 that Larue and Doris Barton were then living at the Pontchartrian Apartment Hotel, which is also on St. Charles Street, New Orleans and it was during this period that Kelly, Bates, Bailey and Larue robbed the Tupelo, Mississippi bank. She states that Larue stopped at the Kelly home in Fort Worth, Texas several times, but that Doris Barton was not with him there. She states that about two years ago Doris Barton and Larue stopped at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas and departed from that point for Maine. This was at the time when Larue stated he was going to Maine with Doris for the purpose of becoming married. Mrs. Kelly states that about three or four months before the Urschel kidnaping, which occurred in July, 1933, Larue and Doris Barton were residing at the Berkshire Arms, Kansas City, Missouri, probably under the name of Lang and that Kathryn and George Kelly had dinner with them in that apartment and also Kathryn on one occasion had lunch with Doris Barton. This definitely proves that Doris Barton is acquainted with Kathryn Kelly and there is every reason to believe that Kathryn Kelly is telling the truth.

During my interview with her Saturday night, Kathryn Kelly was somewhat apprehensive about giving any information regarding Doris Barton, stating that Doris was a nice girl and that she, Kathryn, did not want to do anything which would harm her, further stating that she did not know definitely if Doris Barton had knowledge of the crimes that Eddie Larue was engaged in, but from her actions it was indicated that evidently Doris Barton should have been as familiar with the gang in view of her association, as was Kathryn Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly stated that on one occasion in Chicago Larue remarked that Doris had become somewhat disturbed because he had not brought home enough money and at that time he had \$9,000 in cash which had been taken from some bank robbery and that he then stated that he was going to throw this money over the transom when he got to the apartment of Doris Barton so that she could have an opportunity to see it before he attempted to open the door and walk in. Kathryn Kelly stated that she could not remember from which particular robbery this money was secured.

With regard to Doris Barton's apartment on Sheridan Road, Chicago as indicated in my letter of February 9, Kathryn Kelly now states that she had on several occasions driven Eddie Larue to this place but that she does not remember ever having actually visited Doris Barton in this apartment.

Kathryn Kelly was questioned as to where Eddie Larue and George Kelly lived in Chicago in February 1932 when Mr. Woolverton was

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kidnaped at South Bend, Indiana and she stated that she did not possess that information but it was her thought that evidently Larue was living with Doris Barton in the apartment on Sheridan Road and that Kelly probably was either residing there with Larue or was living in some hotel in Chicago. As I advised you yesterday, George Kelly has admitted his participation in the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton and has implicated Eddie Larue in same. I am transmitting herewith for your information in questioning Larue regarding the Woolverton kidnaping, a copy of the statement given by Edward A. Woolverton of South Bend, Indiana to Special Agent J. T. Martin, Chicago and also copy of report of Agent Martin dated 2/12/34, which sets forth the results of the investigation at South Bend. Also a copy of a letter from the Kansas City office dated February 9 showing the result of interview had with Kelly at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth. You will note in this material that Kelly and Larue evidently secured the sum of \$8,000 as ransom in this case. Further information with regard to this particular matter is set out in my report of February 15, 1934, of which copies were forwarded to your office.

Mrs. Kelly also informed me that Harvey Bailey, Ed Bents, "Big Homer" (full name unknown) and Eddie Larue perpetrated the bank robbery at Lincoln, Nebraska. It is suggested that Larue be carefully interrogated as to the full name of "Big Homer" which might be of future value in the instant case. Also, he should be questioned regarding the location of the house between Chicago and Joliet where Woolverton was held which, Mrs. Kelly states, was the home of Larue's brother. To date this house has not been found. It will be noted in the statement made by Mr. Woolverton that he has given a very good description of Larue including the hacking cough and the soft voice and undoubtedly will be able to immediately identify Larue.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division
St. Paul
Kansas City
Chicago
Jacksonville

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, February 19, 1934

E. J. CONNELLEY,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
426 U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE & POST OFFICE,
CINCINNATI, OHIO

URGENT KIDNAPING FURNISH THIS OFFICE AND SAINTPAUL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY
WITH LIST NAMES ADDRESSES OF GAME WARDENS NORTHERN HALF INDIANA

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,

CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, February 19, 1934 5:30 P.M.

D. M. LADD,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
501 Title Guaranty Building,
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

REMEMBER KIDNAPING FURNISH THIS OFFICE AND SAINTPAUL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY
WITH LIST NAMES ADDRESSES OF GAME WARDENS NORTHERN HALF ILLINOIS

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

FEBRUARY 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to your letter dated February 14, 1934,
requesting information concerning 1934 Missouri license plates
59-527.

Special Agent S. F. Hurley ascertained from the office
of the State License Bureau, located at Kansas City, Missouri,
that the above described plates were issued about January 7, 1934,
to Mr. Russell C. Comer, 445 West 63rd Street, Kansas City,
Missouri, on a 1933 Chrysler Sedan, motor number C017212.

Agent Hurley further ascertained that Mr. Comer is the
President of the Russell C. Comer Advertising Company, with
offices in the Fairfax Building, 101 West 11th Street, Kansas City,
Missouri.

Through discreet contact with Mr. Alfred McKelvy, a
business associate of Mr. Comer, Agent Hurley ascertained that
Mr. Comer travels extensively in his car on business, and during
the past six weeks Mr. Comer has been driving the above described
car in the states of Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

This advertising company is said to have a good repu-
tation and associated with Messrs. Comer and McKelvy are Floyd L.
Dolon, George W. Murphy and William Praebsting.

A summarization of the above information was furnished
to Assistant Director Harold Nathan during my telephonic conver-
sation with him on the evening of February 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P.O. Box 818, St. Paul, Minn.

February 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Referring to letter of even date in the above mat-
ter, and supplemental thereto, it is believed desirable that
in the event it is ascertained that the house mentioned in said
letter, or any other houses located in future investigations,
appears to be similar with the floor plan transmitted to you,
that the following details be checked with a view to establish-
ing the identity of both house and location.

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The Victim reports that he heard two separate sound-
ing church bells during his confinement; that one church bell
rang on Saturday night at approximately 6:00 o'clock and again
several times at varying intervals during the following Sunday
mornings. He also heard a different bell, presumably from some
other church, on Sunday morning only. In other words, there
would be two church bells to locate in two churches. It is thought,
from the time of the ringing, that the first bell, i.e., the one
ringing Saturday night and Sunday morning is that of a Catholic
church.

Victim also stated that, from his place of confine-
ment, he heard a stationary siren each morning, with the exception
of Sunday morning, at about 7:00 o'clock. Incidentally, on one
Sunday morning this siren gave three or four toots, or soundings,
of lesser time duration than the regular sounding on week day morn-
ings. Further, the Victim stated that he heard a whistle each morn-
ing with the exception of Sunday morning; said whistle might be
located a mile or so distant and appeared to be on the order of
a factory whistle. This different whistle blew simultaneously, or
almost simultaneously, with the blowing of the week day siren re-

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ferred to above and the same factory whistle also blew each week day evening at approximately 6:00 o'clock.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

This will confirm telephonic request of Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, of Tampa, Florida on February 17, 1934, to me to the effect that George Kelley Barnes should be interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, relative to all information possible concerning Doris Barton and Eddie LaRue.

Mr. Alt stated that it was particularly desired that George Kelley be questioned as to whether he and Kathryn Kelley met Doris Barton and Eddie LaRue at a parking station in Cleveland, Ohio on or about June 1, 1933. He also stated that all possible information to show acquaintance and relationship between the Kelleys, LaRue and Doris Barton be obtained.

Mr. Alt further requested that the Detroit Office be contacted and that office be requested to further interview Kathryn Kelley in line with information set out in letter written by Special Agent in Charge Larson under date of February 9, 1934, the desired information to be obtained from Kathryn Kelley to be similar to that requested from George Kelley. I immediately telephoned the Detroit Office, speaking to Agent Nicholson, and requested the desired interview with Kathryn Kelley and instructing, pursuant to information from Mr. Alt, that the facts obtained be immediately telegraphed to Mr. Alt, in care of the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, Florida.

Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed George Kelley Barnes at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on the afternoon of February 17, 1934, at which time Kelley advised that he and Kathryn Kelley had met Eddie LaRue and Doris Barton at Cleveland, Ohio at a parking lot during the first part of June 1933, at which time the Kelleys had Kelley's 12 cylinder convertible Cadillac Coupe.

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Eddie LaRue and Doris Barton were in a red Chevrolet Convertible Coupe. George Kelley stated that he recalled that this meeting with Eddie LaRue and Doris Barton at the parking lot had been on the day previous to that on which he purchased his 18 cylinder Cadillac at Cleveland.

By reference to the report of Special Agent N.C. Chapman, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 8, 1933, in the Urschel Kidnapping case, it is noted that Mr. J. V. Park, Credit Manager of General Motors Acceptance Corporation, at Cleveland, Ohio, advised Agent Chapman that Kelley had purchased a V-16 Cadillac on Saturday afternoon June 2, 1933. From the above information it would appear that the Kelleys saw LaRue and Doris Barton at Cleveland on June 2, 1933.

Kelley further stated that Eddie and Doris had just come from New York and were going to see "Grand Hotel", a moving picture in Cleveland, Ohio, and they asked the Kelleys to accompany them; however, this invitation was refused as George and Kathryn had previously seen the picture.

Kelley further stated that he believed Doris Barton had been a "call girl" in Chicago, and had a nice apartment at an address which he believed was 5524 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, although Kelley was not positive about the street address. He recalled that this apartment was across the street from the Edgewater Beach Hotel, in Chicago. He further stated that Eddie LaRue and Doris Barton lived together for approximately two years prior to the time they were married in New York City, about September 1932, Eddie and Doris having stopped at some big hotel in New York City, the name of which Kelley did not know.

Kelley further stated that he had known Doris Barton for about two or three years, his acquaintanceship with her having been through Eddie LaRue; further stating that Kathryn Kelley had only met Doris on one or two occasions, these meetings having been while Kathryn was with George.

A telegraphic summary of the above information was furnished Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, in care of the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, Florida, on February 17, 1934, the telegram

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being so worded as to avoid the use of the names of any of the individuals mentioned hereinabove, pursuant to Mr. Alt's suggestion.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPER, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division
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Chicago

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February 17, 1934.

WERNER HANNI,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING,
ST. PAUL, MINN.



PORTLAND OFFICE REQUESTED ME DETERMINE THROUGH INFORMANT
COLORADO STATE PENITENTIARY IF HOMER WATKINS IS BIG HOMER INFORMANT STATES
THEY ARE NOT SAME PERSON STOP LIST OF TOWNS WHERE HENDRIE AND BOLTHOFF DET-VER
SIREN SOLD BEING FORWARDED YOU AIRMAIL TODAY.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

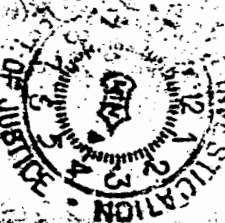
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M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS' BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

Re: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.



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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Report

February 13, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576
Kidnaping.

Specimens: Letters written by victim while held captive.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 12, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

February 12. The letters addressed to Charles McGee or Honest Adolph, to the Payoff Man, and to Adolph Bremer by the kidnapers were written on the same typewriter as the other extortion letters. The stationery used measures 10.87 by 8.5 inches, is .0032 inches thick, and weighs from 3.4631 to 3.5189 grams. This paper has a laid finish and no water-mark. It is such as is made for 8 1/2 by 11 typewriter business paper. All three sheets of the above letters are identical stationery.

The envelope addressed Walter McGee or Payoff Man measures 9.49 by 4.13 inches, is .0049 inches thick, and weighs 6.1550 grams. The envelope addressed Walter McGee or Adolph Bremer is approximately the same dimensions, is the same thickness, and approximately the same weight. It is concluded that this is identical stationery. The typewriting used in addressing these envelopes appears to be the same as that used in writing all of the letters.

The envelopes addressed to Adolf Bremer, Rev. John Deeve, Miss Lillian L. Dickman, and Ed Bremer's Wife are considered identical stationery, measuring 6.51 by 3.62 inches, being .0049 inches thick, and of various weights approximating 3.6 grams. This is probably a small size envelope made to go with the larger size just described and sold in the same box with the typewriter paper. There are no water-marks in these small envelopes or in the larger size envelopes, one of which was used in the letter addressed to Adolf Bremer.

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The stationery used in the personal letters of Edward Bremer to his family, such as the letters to "My Dear Father Deeve", "My Dear Father", "My Dearest Patz and Hertz", and "My Dear Lil", is that containing the watermark "Eaton's Highland Linen". This is a note paper made with a woven finish measuring 10.18 by 6.42 inches when spread out, as it comes folded in the middle. It is .0049 inches thick and the letters average about 4.96 grams in weight in their present condition. This paper is manufactured by the Eaton Paper Company, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. A teletype message was forwarded February 12 to the St. Paul Office with this information in order that the retail source of the paper may be ascertained.

On the letter addressed to Adolph Bremer there was stuck a thin film of substance about 1/4 of an inch in diameter, to which adheres some hair and other debris. This was cut off and a further report will be made after it has been examined thoroughly.

The typewriting on these three extortion letters addressed to Charles McGee or Honest Adolph, to the Payoff Man, and to Adolf Bremer, is identical with the typewriting in the previous extortion letters. The handwriting in the personal letters of Edward Bremer to his family is identical with the handwriting of Edward Bremer.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

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2 - St. Paul.
2 - Laboratory.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division February 12, 1934.

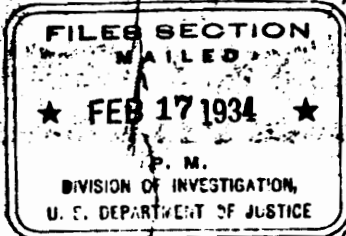
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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301 Fifth Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri,
February 17, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Sam Cowley of this Division on February 17, 1934, I desire to advise that Special Agent C. B. Morris of this office checked the records of the Police Department and Sheriff's Office at Peoria, Illinois, and was unable to obtain any record of a Whitey Anderson. At both of these places, he was advised that there has been no escapes from Peoria in the past six years. From the records of the Peoria Police Department, it was ascertained that one Whitey Furlong escaped from the Peoria City Jail in 1925 and that his police number in Peoria, Illinois was No. 3940. Files of the Peoria Police Department also contained a letter from the Division, dated August 25, 1932, addressed to the Superintendent of the State Reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa. His police number at the Anamosa State Reformatory is No. 14319.

Special Agent Morris obtained copies of the photograph of Whitey Furlong, which he is mailing direct from Peoria, Illinois to the Division and to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt at the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, Florida.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: EDDIE DOLL, with aliases,
I. O. #1214
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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANKE

St. Paul, Minnesota
February 18, 1934

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
EDWARD G. BREMER
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 7-22

In connection with telegraphic instructions received from you at Madison, Wisconsin, on February 15, 1934, THEODORE DECOT, proprietor of Decot's Machine Works, Sauk City, Wisconsin, was interviewed and a list of the towns in which sirens manufactured by the above concern are located will be found set out below:

Iowa:

Postville

South Dakota:

Webster

Illinois:

Lena

Palatine

Lanark

Hokomis

Mount Prospect

South Beloit

Apple River

Minnesota:

McKinley

Keewatin

Ortonville

Hibbing

Luverne

Wisconsin:

Beaver Dam

Bellefonte

Belmont

Beloit

Black Earth

Boscobel

Brodhead

Cassville

Cambridge

Cazenovia

Clintonville

Highland

Hustinford

Iron Ridge

Jefferson

Johnsons Creek

Lancaster

Linden

Marshall

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Wisconsin (continued)

Dunbarland	Mineral Point	Verona
Marlington	Monticello	Westboro
De Pere	Montfort	Wausau
Edgerton	North Freedom	Wausau
Fall River	Oconto Falls	Wausau
Florence	Prairie du Sac	Wausau
Port Kitchell	Phillips	Williams Bay
		Wisconsin Dells

Agent learned that the Decot sirens are operated electrically and are of the following horsepower: 1-1/2 h.p.; 3 h.p.; 5 h.p.; and 12 h.p.

MR. DECOT stated that there are only a few 1-1/2 and 12 h.p. sirens in existence, the most commonly used being either the 3 or 5 h.p. siren. The 1-1/2 h.p. siren can be heard for about a mile under favorable weather conditions; the 3 h.p. siren from 1-1/2 to 3 miles; the 5 h.p. siren from 10 to 15 miles; and the 12 h.p. siren from about 10 to 15 miles.

It was also stated that all of the sirens set out above are used for the purpose of fire alarms and curfews with the exception of several of those located in the State of Minnesota in which instances the sirens are used by mining companies in the respective towns. The Minnesota towns in which the sirens are used by mining companies were furnished as McKinley, Keewatin, and Hibbing.

It was further stated that the Decot siren is the only double-tone siren on the market, the double tone of same being a combination of the keys of "C" and "G". In this connection, MR. DECOT stated that a good idea of the tone of his siren could be obtained through striking the "C" and "G" cords on a piano.

There will be found attached hereto a pamphlet published by Decot's Machine Works in connection with their sirens.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee,
Special Agent.

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9 - St. Paul

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February 18, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

RE: EDWARD DOLL with aliases
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD C. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

EDWARD DOLL with aliases - FUGITIVE
IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1212
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Telephone call was received at two-fifteen P.M. from Special Agent D. O. Smith at Tampa, requesting that Post Office Inspectors at Jacksonville be immediately contacted with reference to a possible robbery of the mails in Effingham, Illinois, last fall in which five pouches of mail were stolen during a transfer from the Pennsylvania Railroad to the Illinois Central Railroad.

Agent Smith advised that evidently this mail robbery was an attempt to steal registered mail, but that by error regular pouches were taken rather than registered pouches.

Immediately, efforts were made to contact local Post Office Inspectors and it was ascertained that those assigned to Jacksonville as headquarters were not available but that Inspector H. B. Smith of Atlanta, Georgia, was on temporary duty at Jacksonville. He was contacted and stated that he had no independent recollection of any such robbery, but that he would immediately get in communication with the Post Office Inspector in Charge in Chicago, Illinois, and request complete information concerning such a robbery.

At about six P.M., Mr. Smith telephoned the Jacksonville Office and read the following telegram, which was immediately dispatched to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Tampa, Florida:

7-576-554
"JOSEPH ALEXANDER LOUIS WILLIAM BADGETT JAMES DONALD POTTER
CONVICTED FOR HOLDUP AND ROBBERY OF MAIL CUSTODIAN RAILROAD OF INVESTIGATION
DEPOT EFFINGHAM ILLINOIS OCTOBER NINETEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY
THREE STOP NEWTON CAIN GLADYS CAIN WILLIAM SIMPSON AND LEWIS
DIRRITY INDICTED BUT INDICTMENT DISMISSED WITH LEAVE TO
REINSTATE MARCUS R CUTLER FUGITIVE ON THIS CASE".

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While dictating the above Miss Hume discovered that in our Miscellaneous Identification file we have a circular for Unknown persons Number One and Number Two which partially outlines the mail robbery at Effingham, Illinois, on the night of October 10, 1935. For the information of Special Agent in Charge Alt, this circular is being transmitted to him with a copy of this memorandum.

There is also being sent Agent Alt a copy of wanted circular on Marcus Roscoe Cutler, mentioned in quoted telegram.

L. E. Kingman
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
305 Post Office Building,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-55

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 10, 1934, outlining an interview with Julius A. (Babe) Jones, relative to Eddie LaRue, Subject of Identification Order #1814, Clarence "Doc" Eaton, John Waters alias "De-About" Reilly, "Frisco" Butler, and others.

Jones, upon being interviewed by Special Agent Jay C. Brown at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had never heard of George Reilly before the Urchel Kidnaping and did not know that LaRue had been involved in the Woolvarten Kidnaping, believing this latter kidnaping was the work of some Indiana Mob.

Further outlining contacts of LaRue, et al, Jones stated that Reilly has a good friend named Gerry Bailes, who is originally from Mount Vernon, Iowa, but who is now operating a gambling place, known as The Fox River Gardens, located across from the Exposition Park (race track), in Aurora, Illinois. Bailes also has a residence in Montgomery, Illinois. He is known, not only to Reilly, but to LaRue and Eaton and will not hesitate to hide any of these persons in the event they are being sought.

Jones advised that in either the fall of 1931 or the spring of 1932, Reilly, while being hunted by the Iowa State Authorities, was at the residence of Gerry Bailes in Montgomery, Illinois, all for several weeks. Bailes is described by Jones as being about 30 years old; 5 feet 10 inches tall; weighing about 200 pounds; grey hair; dark complexion; is coarse talker, has deep bass voice.

Further, according to Jones, one "Useless" Hopkins, a former alcohol runner in Des Moines, Iowa, is now with Bailes. This person is between 35 and 45 years of age, about 6 feet tall, weighs about 200 pounds, is large build and has dark complexion.

Jones also stated that LaRue, Eaton and Reilly have a good friend, named Jimmy Meyers, a former bootlegger, who now operates a saloon in Peoria, Illinois, and who is also well known to the police in that city.

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Elaborating further on the connection of Harry Sawyer, a Saint Paul saloon keeper, with La Rue, et al, Jones stated that it is possible Sawyer was the "fingerman" in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings. Jones stated that in 1932, La Rue had a green colored Chrysler Imperial 80 Sedan and Eaton had a maroon colored middle-sized Chrysler Sedan with cream colored wire wheels, both of which cars were purchased from Harry Sawyer's brother-in-law, name not known, who is the Chrysler Dealer in Lincoln, Nebraska. This man, according to Jones, was in on the Lincoln, Nebraska, bank robbery in 1931 and is an all-around questionable character, not hesitating to harbor fugitives, or to equip cars with armored plating for such persons. Jones stated that Eaton furnished him this information and stated that in the purchase of his (Eaton's) car, this brother-in-law of Sawyer's extended him \$900.00 credit, through Sawyer.

Jones further advised that on one occasion, he heard Reilly mentioned having a "right plant" (meaning hideout) in Springfield, Illinois; however, Jones has no information concerning the identity of the person residing here.

Jones further stated that Reilly always drives small cars, such as Plymouths; however, that La Rue and Eaton usually drive much larger cars and La Rue's cars were usually loud in color; further, that Reilly, while being sought by the authorities, usually hides out on a farm and is believed to own two farms somewhere in Iowa; however, Eaton usually hides out in cities.

In the summer of 1933, according to Jones, Reilly was operating a roadhouse, name not known, located somewhere on the outskirts of Des Moines, Iowa. Again Jones reiterated his contention that these men were in on the Hamm Kidnaping, stating that in July and August, 1933, Reilly had an enormous amount of money, whereas, shortly before that time, he had very little.

Jones further advised that "Doc" Eaton had an ex-wife, name not known, residing in Saint Paul, Minnesota. This person has been arrested there for shoplifting and while Eaton was in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, she "fleece" some Saint Paul millionaire out of approximately \$30,000.00. Eaton is believed by Jones to have gone back to this woman, subsequent to his release from Stillwater and she might have assisted in some way in the kidnaping of Hamm and Bremer.

Jones stated that in the fall of 1931 or the spring of 1932, La Rue gave Joe Hamm, a restaurant owner and radio entertainer of Kansas City, Missouri, \$10,000.00 to hold for him so that it would be available in the event, he (La Rue) were arrested. When La Rue later got in touch with him, he found the latter had spent this money.

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In connection with this information, Jones advised that Bailey informed him that because of this incident, La Rue might "bump off" Hann; however, according to Jones, all three of the persons mentioned; namely, La Rue, Bates and Bailey, might contact Hann for protection.

Referring to the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Saint Paul Office, under date of February 14, 1934, Jones was questioned concerning "Old Charlie", a supposed Chicago Police character. He stated that the only "Old Charlie" he had ever heard of, was an old man whom he knew to be a "case man" for the Bailey, Bates, Burke, Winkler Mob. This individual originally resided in Saint Paul, Minn. but occasionally came to Chicago on jobs, when requested to do so by members of this mob. According to Jones, this "Old Charlie" was arrested in Chicago with Burke and several others in 1928 or 1929 and was released. He has a long criminal record and is an Irishman with a Dutch name. Jones stated he believed this person died sometime last year.

Referring to "Big Homer", Jones stated that this person is also known as "The Big Moose". Jones stated he saw him on two or three occasions, but advised that he knew very little about him, aside from knowing him to be an associate of the persons mentioned. He described this person as follows:

Name:	"Big Homer" "The Big Moose".
Age:	About 40 Years
Height:	6 feet 2 or 3 inches
Weight:	275 Pounds
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Dark
Personality:	Congenial
	Is very good looking.

Jones stated he last saw "Big Homer" sometime in 1933 at Ballard & Fraxler's, a sea food restaurant located on Lake Street near State Street in Chicago, which place, at that time, was reported to be owned by Gus Winkler. Aside from operating as a restaurant, this place also has a "Hard Rock" located in the basement.

Upon being pressed for further information concerning "Big Homer", Jones stated that he knew this person to have been married in Chicago in either 1923 or 1924, to a Chicago girl, who is of the Catholic Religion; that this Chicago girl bears a very good reputation and does not know that "Big Homer" is a hoodlum, but believes him to be a prosperous broker. Jones rather reluctantly stated that a

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friend of his was a witness to this marriage, which was performed by a Catholic priest, but that under no circumstances would he give the name of this friend. He also stated that he did not know in what church they were married and stated that although he had heard "Big Homer's" surname, he did not remember same.

When pressed for further information, he stated that it is possible "Big Homer" is known to Captain Daniel Gilbert and Lieutenant Frank Johnson of the State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois. These persons have been out of town for several days but an interview will be had with them immediately upon their return.

Referring further to "Big Homer", Jones stated that this person has a very good friend, known as Willie Harrison, who is a former Saint Louis Police character and who now operates a saloon at Calumet City, Illinois. Harrison was arrested, according to Jones, in 1930, 1931 or 1932 by the Police Department of Chicago, Illinois for participation in a bank robbery at Jefferson, Wisconsin; however, he is believed to have been released without extradition.

The Chicago Division Office, if unsuccessful in securing more definite information concerning "Big Homer" from Captain Gilbert or Lieutenant Johnson, of the State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, will reinterview Julius A. (Babe) Jones in an effort to ascertain the name of the friend who was a witness of "Big Homer's" marriage.

The date of Jones' sentence in connection with the kidnapping of James Rackett, has been postponed in State Court at Chicago to April 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City, Missouri - February 16, 1934.

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J. A. Dowd
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
503A U. S. Court House & Post Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

BREMER KIDNAPING REFER AUGUST NINETEEN THIRTY THREE NUMBER AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION JOURNAL PHOTOGRAPH HOMER WATKINS DISPLAY IMMEDIATELY CONVICT ARTHUR JOHNSON CANON CITY IDENTIFICATION BIG HOMER ADVISE ALL INTERESTED TELEGRAPHICALLY IF IDENTIFIED

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FEBRUARY 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 215
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPPING

There are attached to this letter and to copies transmitted to the Division and to the Salt Lake City Office, carbon copies of a telegram of this date from the Kansas City Office to the Salt Lake City Office, relative to the possible identification of Homer Watkins, as the same individual known as "Big Homer" and "Swede Billy", who was mentioned by convict Arthur Johnson of the Colorado State Penitentiary and set out in the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, dated at Salt Lake City, November 24, 1933, in the case of Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. You will note that "Big Homer" is also mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated at Chicago, Ill. Sept. 13, 1933 in that case, and in several other reports in the file. "Big Homer" appears to be an important suspect in this matter. Apparently the Chicago Office was unable to develop his true identity by investigation there, based upon the information furnished by convict Johnson to Agent Gere.

With a letter from the Salt Lake City Office in the Vernon C. Miller case, dated August 4, 1933, was transmitted a page from the American Banker's Association Journal for August 1933, which page bore photographs of Jim Clark and Bernard Phillips, suspects in the Miller case. A photograph of Homer Watkins also appeared on the same page. It is noted that Watkins is said to have served in the state penitentiaries of California, Colorado, Washington and Missouri; released from the Colorado institution May 27, 1932. It has occurred to the Agent handling the file of the Massacre case here that Homer Watkins may be identical with "Big Homer".

A record of "Big Homer" is being sought at the Missouri State Pen., and since the discovery of the name Homer Watkins a record of that individual will be secured there, as they may be identical.

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Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
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Mr. Quinn phoned

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February 17, 1934.

Mr. R. A. Alt,
Tampa Terrace Hotel,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER; Victim
Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith a photograph of James O'Brien, #10213, Nebraska State Penitentiary, and abstract of this individual's criminal record, and also photograph of George William Anderson, Milwaukee Police Department #24954, whose criminal record is as follows:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
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These individuals may possibly be identical with the Whitey Anderson, to whom Eddie Larue, alias Doll, has referred under questioning by you.

With reference to James O'Brien, investigation by the Chicago office discloses that this individual, as Frank Anderson #4760 escaped from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. FEB 19 1934 P.M.

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Mr. Alt,

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With reference to George William Larson, this individual has an alias "Whitey" Anderson, and it appears from the file that he operated roadhouses and saloons at Ashland, Wisconsin, from 1919 to 1920 and from 1923 to 1924. In 1925 he operated the Ashland Hotel, Ashland, Wisconsin, and from 1925 to 1933 claims to have been engaged in distributing slot machines in Wisconsin and Michigan to roadhouses and saloons.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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BREMER CASE DESCRIPTIONS TOUGH GANG MEMBERS AT LARGE CONNORS SCHMIDT
MARSHALK DILLON CLARE THOMAS TOUGH J D MCFADDEN JOHN RYAN TWO BROWN

BROTHERS CONTAINED IN REPORT AGENT RYAN DECEMBER EIGHTH LAST FACTOR CASE
STOP BIG HOMER ALIAS BIG MOOSE AGE ABOUT FORTY HEIGHT SIX FEET TWO OR THREE
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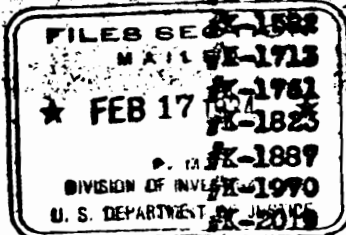
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Dear Sir:

There are forwarded under separate cover photographs which have been drawn from the general appearance forms of reputed kidnapers, extortionists and known gangsters and who in general answer the description obtained from Father X and submitted by your office in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM. These photographs are identified in the Division's files under the following numbers and should be returned to the Division as soon as they have served their purpose:

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Please refer to letter from this office dated February 15, 1934, addressed to the Salt Lake City Office, a copy of which was furnished you, relative to a party named Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias "Old Fitz", etc.

The complete aliases of this individual are shown as follows, according to the records of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas: "Big Fritz"; Charles Morgan; W. M. Funk; Charles M. Love; Phil Fitzgerald; Louie Charles; Daniel Mathers Logan; D. M. Logan; J. C. Hammond; Frank West; Chas. Slim; Slim Williams; Big Charley.

The description of the individual is shown as Age 43 (on January 1, 1924); height 5'10"; weight 165 lbs. (in 1924); build large; hair dark brown; eyes brown; complexion dark; born Kansas; occupation plumber; Kansas State Penitentiary Number 6621.

His criminal record is shown as follows:

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The correspondence record of Fitzgerald indicates that he communicated with the following individuals while at the Kansas State Penitentiary:

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
Mrs. D. J. Fitzgerald	528 Broadway, Toledo, O.	Wife
Fred Coletta	Toledo, Ohio	Friend
E. E. Floyd	Ellsworth, Mo.	"
S. B. Nelson	Memphis, Tenn.	"
S. B. Hudson	Wichita, Mo.	"
Miss Grace Fitzgerald	235 1/2 South St., Toledo, O.	Relative
Mrs. Minnie Fitzgerald	Rosford, O. (obscure)	Friend
Mrs. C.J. Fitzgerald	516 South St., Toledo, O.	Wife
Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald	c/o Ray Gavin, 235 1/2 South Street, Toledo, O.	Wife
Robt. Phelan	Kansas City, Mo.	Business - former Chief of Police
Joe Stephens	400 Armstrong, Bartlesville, Okla.	"
Miss Minnie Leivigh	Box 18, Rosford, Ohio	Friend
Lee Tigner	Park Hotel	Crosby, Minn.
F. Gavin	639 Front Ave., Toledo, O.	Friend
Fred A. Katz	Toledo, O.	Friends
Ima E. Loyd	Ellsworth, Mo.	Attorney
Minnie Frantschi	Rosford, Ohio	Friend
Frank Corda	Coco Cola Bldg., K.C. Mo.	"
Buster Blair	Edmonton, Alberta, Can.	"
Mrs. Walter Funk	Grand Pass, Mo.	"

A photograph of Fitzgerald from the Kansas State Penitentiary was furnished you with your copy of the letter to the Salt Lake City Office yesterday.

It is believed desirable to furnish you with this information at present in view of the fact that the Division notified this office by wire on February 15, 1934, that the full identity of "Old Fitz" should be established in connection with this case. In the event that the photograph of Fitzgerald is identified by Arthur Johnson, convict in the Colorado State Penitentiary, as the party known to him as "Old Fitz" it will probably be desired to locate Fitzgerald. For that reason carbon

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March 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite 2, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 16,
1934, wherein you set forth information obtained from the records
of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, concerning
one "Big Frito", with aliases.

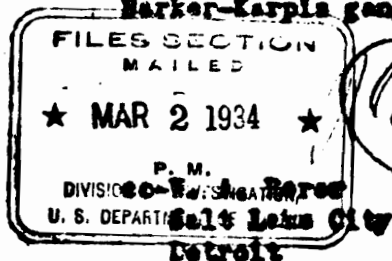
It appears from a review of the file entitled John
Hammond, with aliases, et al., National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.,
St. Paul the office of origin, that "Big Frito", is identical
with subject Hammond who, on December 11, 1933, at St. Paul,
Minnesota, was found guilty of violating the National Motor
Vehicle Theft Act, and on January 8, 1934, was sentenced to
serve one year and one day in the United States Penitentiary, at
Leavenworth, Kansas. The records of the Bureau of Prisons,
Washington, D. C., reflect that this individual was received
at the latter institution February 10, 1934.

It is noted on page 2 of your letter that this indi-
vidual while incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary, com-
municated with "Fred and Kate", Toledo, Ohio, "friends", and also
"P. Gavin, 639 Prouty Avenue, Toledo, Ohio".

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Hammond
at the earliest practicable date with reference to these individuals
inasmuch as they may possibly be identical with members of the
Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

Director.



P.O. Box 518, St. Paul, Minn.

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite 1, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.



For your information there was received from the
County Attorney at Owatonna, Minnesota, the following letter:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation I am send-
ing you a One Dollar bill which was taken in by the First Nation-
al Bank of Owatonna this morning and which has the following writing
in pen and ink on it: "Mr. Bremer was held in Kansas City 10 men in
gang leaders want split fair". This bill was in a deposit made by
Mr. Harry Peller of this city who sells beverages at wholesale.

In talking with him he stated that he did not
know from whom he obtained the bill but that it might have been
from one of the following:

Frank Flowers, who runs the Modern Inn
Mike Orlovski, who runs Mike & Joe's Tavern.
Charles Cafe
George Bickner, who acts as manager of the
Auditorium Hall.

Mr. Peller thought it might very possibly have
come from George Bickner as he paid \$18 mostly in One Dollar bills
taken from a dance that was held in the Auditorium on Tuesday night,
February 13th, 1934.

Possibly there is nothing of any value in this information or the statement written on the bill but I thought it
should be called to your attention, especially considering the fact

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That a number of incidents seem to connect up contents with the investigations you made.

The First National Bank Asked me to get a One Dollar bill in place of this one as the money was deposited to the credit of Mr. Peller."

The dollar bill which contained the writing mentioned in the first paragraph of the above letter is forwarded to the Division in Washington for scientific examination. Please give this matter what attention you deem advisable.

The Division is requested to notify the Kansas City Division Office and this office as to the result of the scientific analysis made of the handwriting appearing on this bill.

Very truly yours,

WENDELL HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 15, 1934.

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J.H.HANSON, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
322 Federal Building, Birmingham, Ala.

C.D.McKEAN, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
1002 Post Office & Court House Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

D.H.DICKSON, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
302 Federal Building, Butte, Montana.

L.B.BIRD, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
1806 First National Bank Building, Charlotte, N.C.

M.H.PURVIS, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois.

E.J.CONNELLEY, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
426 U.S. Custom House & P.O. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

F.J.BLAKE, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas.

WM.LARSON, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building, Detroit, Michigan.

R.H.COLVIN, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
1331 First National Bank Building, El Paso, Texas.

R.A.ALT, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
412 U.S. Court House and P.O. Building, Jacksonville, Fla.

E.E.CONROY, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 16, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

In connection with telegraphic conversation this afternoon with Mr. Clegg in the matter of comment on the part of a newspaper at Red Wing, Minnesota, in which Special Agents of this Division were accused of giving publicity to the wall paper and serial number phases of the Bremer case, I beg to state as follows:

Information along these lines was not given to the press by any Division employee in the St. Paul jurisdiction. I am thoroughly convinced of that. When the wall paper story first appeared, I considered it extremely damaging from an investigative standpoint. It first appeared in this jurisdiction in the St. Paul Dispatch, a newspaper with Associated Press connections. I called in a Mr. Thompson, a reporter for the St. Paul Dispatch, and expressed my opinion to him of the nature of this publicity, and told him that while I assumed he would not be very eager to inform me as to the source, yet I would like to know it, and told him that if I secured it, and if he so desired, I would keep the information confidential. He told me that it had come to him from the Associated Press.

I then spoke to a Mr. Mackey of the Associated Press, who in turn told me that he secured it from matter received from the St. Paul Dispatch. I also told him that if I secured the source, and if he so desired, I would keep it confidential.

I have not yet secured the source from either of these individuals and I doubt that they care to tell me.

With regard to the complicity of the members of this Division in the matter of the serial numbers story, the same may be stated. I am confident that it did not emanate from here. I was not so much concerned about this story as I was about the wall paper story inasmuch

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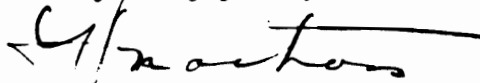
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as I feel that it did not require any source or leak to enable a newspaper man well versed in these cases to guess at this procedure. However, I am entirely unaware as to the original source upon which this story was based. In this connection, and only as a surmise, I might point out that the Bremer family is numerous and they have many friends. They are socially inclined and I am told that in the evenings both at Adolph and Edward Bremer's house there are many callers who play cards and drink beer, etc., until a rather late hour of the night. I feel that it is quite possible for considerable discussion to ensue over various phases of the case in both households. I feel also that it is quite possible for leaks to emanate therefrom. The Bremer family were, of course, well aware that the serial numbers of the ransom notes were in our possession, Otto Bremer and the officials of his bank having furnished us these numbers and having discussed inaccuracies in certain numbers with us on many occasions. It is also true that the police, who had a day guard in this bank, were probably aware that we had these serial numbers although I did not ever discuss this with them nor do I recall hearing it discussed.

Should I receive any further information along the above lines, I will furnish it at once.

Very truly yours,



HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

HN:HVS

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

This will advise you of the receipt of a telegram from the New York Office yesterday requesting this Office to secure from W. S. Darley & Company, 2410 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, and from the Federal Electric Company, Chicago, Illinois, a list of the towns in the midwestern states using electric sirens for fire and general alarms produced by these companies, with the further request that the said list be forwarded immediately to the St. Paul Office. The following is a list of the towns in the states noted which are users of the sirens for fire and general alarms produced by W. S. Darley & Company, said list having been secured from Mr. J. P. O'Reilly:

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Galion
Grandville
Harbor Springs
Hopkins
Mariontown Fire Co.
Howard City
Mich. Elec. Pwr. Co., Lapeer
Leslie
Lovell
Mich. State Admin. Bldg., Lansing
Munising
Mayville
Sandusky

Ideal Furnace Co., Milan
Milan
Mendon
Memphis
North Muskegon
Ortonville
Pentwater
Port Austin
St. Charles
St. Johns
Spring Lake
Stanton
Union City
Woodland
Webberville
West Branch
Edmore
Montreal Mining Co., Ironwood
Lake City
Marenisco
Lower Peninsular Pwr. Co., Plainwell
Fowlerville
Reese
Gaylord
Whitmore Lake
Godwin Hts. Fire Dept., Grand Rapids

ILLINOIS

Riverside
Round Lake
Willow Springs
Alexis
Arensville
Arthur
Atkinson
Athens
Area
Albion Elec. Lt. & Gas
Beecher, G.A. Batterman
Brookfield Fire Dept.
Bartlett
Bradford
Bloomington
Chatsworth
Carlock
Clarendon Hills
Cullom
Chandlerville
Cattin
E. Hazel Crest
Edinburg
E. Galesburg
Elgin
Elmhurst
Fox Lake Fire Dept.
Frankfort
Grand Ridge, Vill. Bd.
Granville
Hampshire Elec. Co.
Huntley
Hebron
Hodgkins
Hanover
Henry
Joy
LeRoy

LaHarpe Vol. Fire Dept.
Lombard
Vill. Bd. of Lee
New Athens
Napook Elec. Lt. & Pur.
Naperville, Diester & Co.
Neoga
Ogarko
Oregon
Olney
Palmyra
Peoria Heights
Park Ridge
Panama
Sherrard Fire Dept.
S. Chicago Heights
Saybrook, Lally Elec. Shop
St. Anne Police, Fire & Wtr.
St. Elmo
Spring Grove
Tinley Park
Thayer
Victoria
West Brooklyn
Westville
Williamsville, H. Miller Estate
Willow Springs
Westmont
Waterloo
Westfield
Wenona
Mechanicsburg
Morrisonville
Maple Park
Manteno
Mendon
Marseilles
Milford Fire Co.

Illinois (Cont'd)

Morton Grove
Mackinaw
Mt. Prospect Vol. Fire Co.
Morris Fire Dept.
Maulius
Bishop Hill
Alexis
Kimburest
Universal Atlas Cement
Chicago
Hammond
Lake Bluff

Seales Round Fire Dept.
Olin
Minier
New Canton Fire Dept.
Federal Res. Co.
Village of Manhattan
North Chillescothe

NEBRASKA

Verdigre Vol. Fire Dept.
Bellwood
Bellevue Vol. Fire Dept.
Bruno Fire Dept.
Brainard
Clay Center M.M. Johnson Co.
Callaway
Campbell
Daykin
Elk Creek
Ewing
Grant
Henry
Lodgepole
Lyman
Long Pine
Lyons
Litchfield
Meadow Grove
McCook City Wtr. Wks.
Nead
Wilford
Palmyra
Potter
Ruskin
Ravenna
Ralston

Stella
Scottia Vol. Fire Dept.
Springview
Silver Creek
Springfield
Scottia Wtr. & Lt. Plant
Weston Vol. Fire Dept.
York
Arnold
Bennet
Chadron
Hyannis
Humboldt
Hemingford
Crete
Hynot Fire Dept.
Moorefield
Bradshaw
Barnesboro
Douglas Fire Dept.
Pleasanton
Concord
Levellien
Rushville
Stella
Tobias
Hemingford

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Nebraska (Cont'd)

Delton
Herriman
Madrid
Concord
Ainsworth
Dixon
Garden
Cedar

Richardson
Salina
Box
Chambers
Cherry
Perkins
Brown
Dawes

MINNESOTA

Moose Lake
Maple Plain
Dalton Fire Dept.
Hill City
Maple Lake
Oklee
Spicer
Wanda
Austin
Bagley
Battle Lake
Baudette
Bluffton
Pickands Mather
 & Co., Duluth
Dartur
Elgin
Green Isle
Grand Marais
Harmony
Lake Wilson
Mazeppa
Mountain Iron
Dassel Fire Dept.
Slayton
Wheaton
Triumph
Norcross Fire Dept.
Pipestone
Pierz
Red Lake Falls

Taconite
City Lt. & Pur. Plant
Ulen Fire Dept.
Clara City
Rushford
Watkins
Bigerton
Ogilvie Fire Dept.
Murdock
Randolph
Granada
Watson
Le Sueur
Watson Fire Dept.
Wilmonst
N.P.R.R. Co., St. Paul
Donnelly
Wells
Dunnell Fire Co.
Hastings Fire Dept.
Swarville Fire Dept.
Lewisville
Mahtomedi
St. Hilaire
Erskine
Good Thunder
Gary

MISSOURI

Ash Grove	Hamilton
Armstrong	Isaac Foster Fire Dept.
Breckenridge	Kokoka
Bolivar	Kennett
Billings	Missouri Wilson Co. Louisiana
Carl Junction	Lebanon
Cabool	Lockwood
Charleston	Manassas
East Prairie	Maryville
Fayette Water & L. Dept.	Montgomery
Lathrop	Montrose
Lockwood	Windermer
Morrison Fire Co.	Mexico
Salem Fire Dept.	Odeona
E.M.Powell, Hwe.Co., Chula	Potosi
Cole Camp	Portageville
Chaffee	Slater
Cardwell	St.Joseph Stock Yards Co.
Fairfax	So.St.Joseph
Bucklin	Weston
Hale	Tarkie
Oren	Versailles
Cuba	Wellington
Quark	Campbell
Wentzville	Wyncoda
Fredericktown	Shmansville
Glasgow	Piedmont
Dunklin	St.James
Clark	Polk
	Wayne

Aurora
 Burke
 Coloma
 Condon Vol. Fire Dept.
 Eden
 Gayville
 Harrisburg
 Leola Fire Dept.
 Milbank
 Raymond
 Tarten
 Vienna
 Wakonda
 Bison Elec. Co.
 Wagner
 Hazel

Hanson
 Honsatvedt
 Hunt
 Highcock Fire Dept.
 Hattie Fire Dept.
 Hulsburgh
 Mission Hill
 Howell Vol. Fire Dept.
 Vobles Fire Dept.
 Worthing
 Wouhey
 Sander
 Wagner
 Welsey
 Martin
 Big Stone City

New England
Arthur
Columbus
Steele
Milnor Rural Telephone Co.
Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept.
Adams
Anamoose
Beach
Neche
Sherwood
Mohall
LaMoure
Garrison
Elgin Vol. Fire Dept.
Rolla Fire Dept.
Rolette
McHenry
Ramsey
Logan
Dickey
Northwood
McVillage Fire Dept.
New Salem Fire Dept.

Ward
Benson
Montreal
Bottineau
Harvey
Brooket
Fredonia
Ellendale
Kenmare Fire Dept.
Leeds Fire Dept.
Sanish Fire Dept.
Stanley
Krasop
Hazen
Portail Fire Dept.
Pembina Fire Dept.
Rutland Village Board
Michigan Fire Dept.
Napoleon
Kensal
Streeter
Lansford
Thompson
Rutland

WISCONSIN

Fontana
 Froble Fire Co., Green Bay
 Jackson Fire Dept.
 Kaukauba Water Pirsch & Sons Co.
 Kendall
 Leville Miller Mills
 Livingston Fire Dept.
 Monticello Fire Dept.
 Mountain
 Prairie Farm
 Avoca
 Arena Fire Dept.
 Albany Elec. Lt. & Milling Co.
 Blanchardville
 Barton Fire Dept.
 Birnamwood
 Coon Valley
 Cadott
 Crandon
 Dano
 Eagle River
 Fall Creek
 Hillsboro
 Hazel Green
 Knight, Iron Salt
 Lake Mills
 Loyal
 Lowell Light & Power Co.
 Montello & Harrisville E.L. & Pr. Co.
 Monona
 Mazomanie
 White River Power Co. of Washkora

North Milwaukee
 Oshkosh Fire Dept.
 St. Croix Falls
 South Haven
 Turtle Lake
 Wausau Fire Dept. of Wausau
 Webster
 Wausau
 Woodville
 Palmyra
 Theresa
 Wilton
 Winnetonka Fire Dept.
 Ashcroft
 Granton
 Platteville
 Hixson
 Whitehall
 Sullivan
 Clayton
 Soldiers Grove
 Kiro
 Cornell
 Fox Point
 Nequa
 Neosho
 Winnebago
 Portage
 Clark
 Jefferson
 Park

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of February 18, 1934, requesting investigation at the Federal Siren Company, 3706 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Please be advised that said company is identical to the Federal Electric Company of this city, where an investigation has been made, which is set out herein below.

From the siren department of the Federal Electric Company, through the cooperation of Miss Novak and Mr. Scott, there was obtained a set of maps for the midwestern states, showing the towns and cities in which sirens, made by the Federal Electric Company, are used for fire and general alarm. These states are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Photostatic copies of these maps have been made and each office covering any portion of the territory included by the maps is being furnished with two copies of same, in the event that they are called upon for investigation in the future.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Menomonee Falls
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East Troy
Clinton

Other Cities
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Atkinson*
O'Neill*

Crofton*
Hartington*
Wause*

Plainview* Randolph*
Emerson*
Hoskins* *Pilger

Elgin* Battle Creek

Burwell* Madison*
Sargent*
Comstock* Albion*
Broken Bow* Lindsay*

Greeley* Humphrey*
No. Loup* Cedar Rapids

Loup City* Belgrade*

No. Platte Palmer
St. Paul* Silver Creek*
Cairo* Stromberg*

Brady Island* Pleasanton*
Gothenburg* Dannebrog

Cozard*
Lexington*
Eustis* Kearney*

Elwood* Harvard*
Minden* Glenville*
Hildreth* Clay Center*

Cambridge*
Trenton*
Bartley*

Beaver City

Bloomington*
Red Cloud*

Nelson*
Teshler*

Lawrence*

Garland*
Staplehurst*
Seward*
Fairmont*
Geneve*

Greenwood
Friend*
Dorchester*

Milford*
Overton*

Cook*
Bruning*
Sterling*
Wilber*
Wisner*

Julian*
Auburn*
Johnson*
Shubert*

Liberty*
Table Rock*

NEBRASKA

MINNESOTA

* Hallock

Fosston

*Warren

*Crookston

*Gonvick

*Cass Lake

*Bemidji

*Ada

*Gilbert

*Walker

*Calumet

Deer River*

Bovey*

Grand Rapids*

*Hawley

*Park Rapids

*Frazee

Wadena*

Perham*

*Sebeka

*Crosby

*Ironton

*Breckenridge

*Henning

*Elbow Lake

*Parkers Prairie

*Theaton

*Brandon

Braham*

*Browns Valley

*St. Cloud

Princeton*

*Glenwood

No. Branch *

Hancock*

*Eden Valley

*Kerkhoven

Elk

River*

Lindstrom

*Milan

Osseo*

*Dawson

*Howard Lake

* So. Stillwater

St. Louis Park*

*Bird Island

Hector*

*Gibbon

*Fairfax

*Wabasso

*Morgan

*Arlington

Hastings*

Henderson*

*Belleplaine

*Montgomery

*Northfield

Lake Crystal *

*Mapleton

*Kenyon

*St. James

*Winnebago

*Amocoy

Fulda *

*Mountain Lake

*Minnesota Lake

Chatfield*

Sherburn*

Ceylon*

Albert

*Easton

*Ellendale

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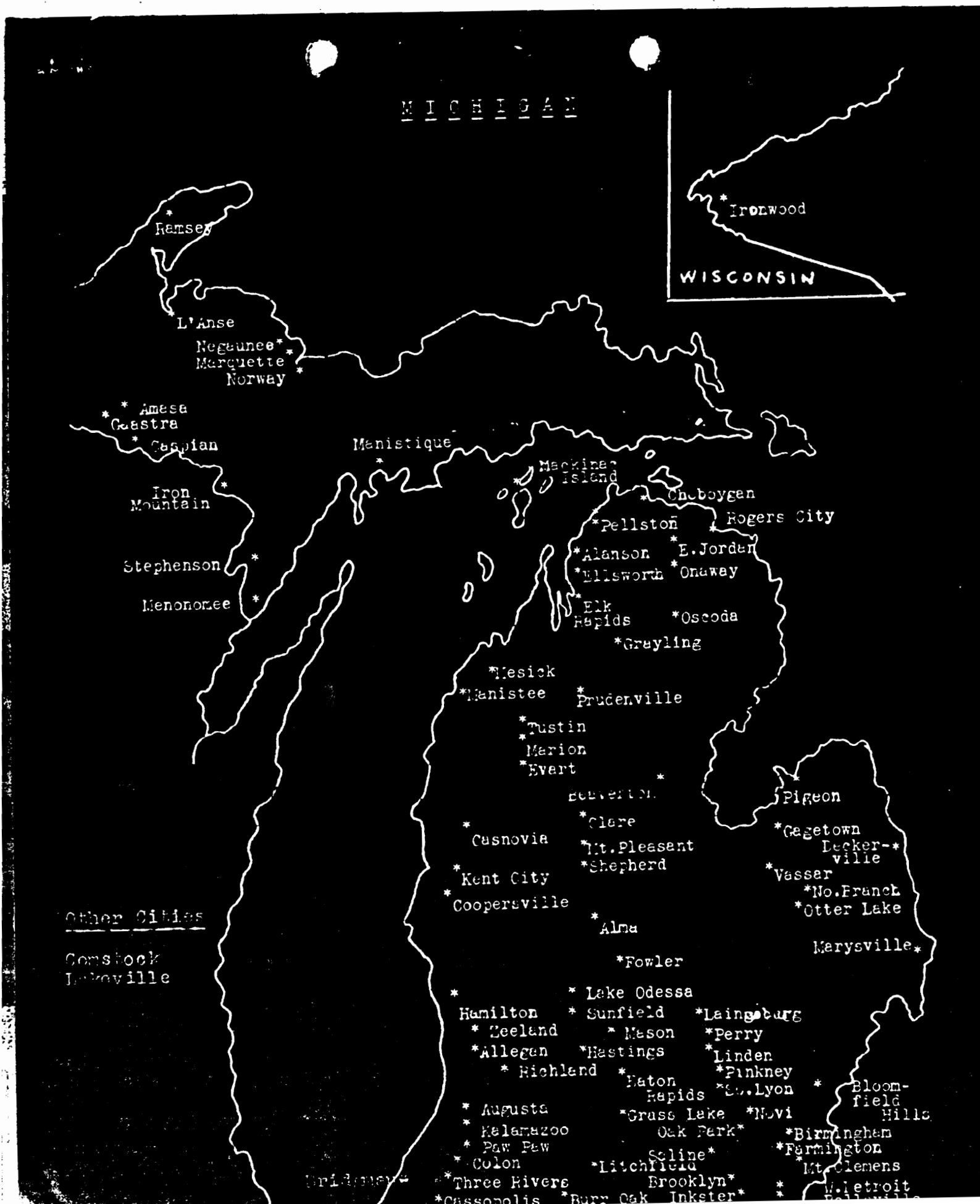
Elmore*

Lyle*

Lanesboro*

Caledonia

MICHIGAN



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*Epping

NORTH DAKOTA

*Parshall

Larimore*

*Harvey
*Fessenden

Hillsboro*

Tower City*

*Richardton
*Glen Illun

*McIntosh

*Mobridge

Sisseton*

Andover* Wilmot*

SOUTH DAKOTA

*Sturgis
*Spearfish

*Harold
*Pierre
Ft. Pierre*

Huron*

*DeSmet
*Arlington
Garretson

Wasta* Midland*

Wessington Sprg*
Woonsocket*
Artesian*
Letcher*

Flandreau*
*Madison
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Kadoka*

*Kimball
White Lake*
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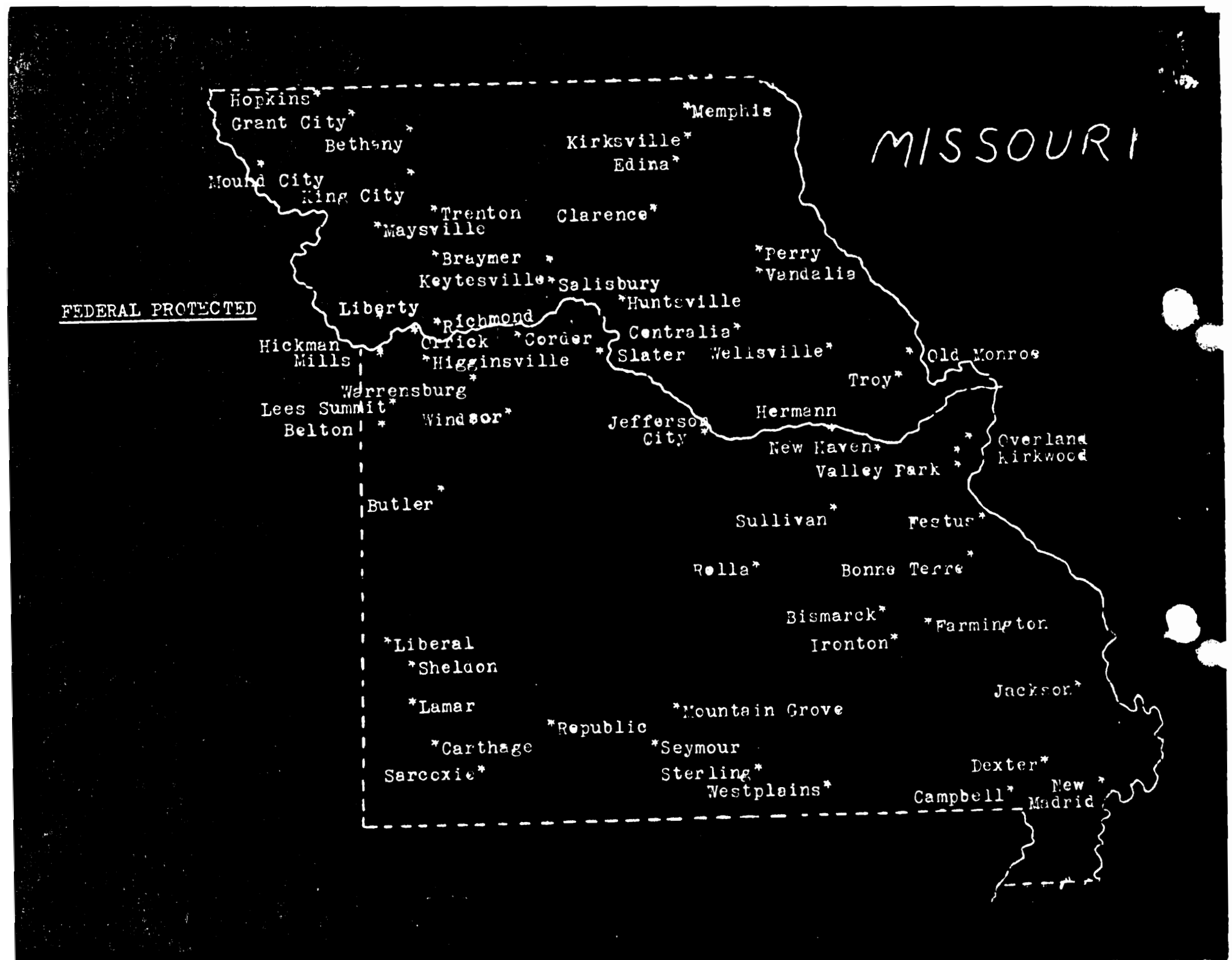
*Mitchell
Montrose
Alexandria Valley
Humboldt* Sprg.

*Hot Sprgs.
*Edgemont

Fairfax*

Hartford*
Marion Jct*
Menno*
Scotland*
*Parker
Hurley
*Viborg
*Yankton

Beresford



Hoxie* Plainville*
KAN SAS
Russell
McCracken*

Lenora* Kirwin*
Stockton* Gaylord*
Jamestown*

*Beloit
*Delphos

McCracken*

Herington*

Little River*
Lyons*

Canton*
Florence*

Burns*

Hamilton

*Gridley

Moran*

Eureka *

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Coldwater *

Anthony*

*Convoy Spgs.

Oxford*

salvene*

Winfield

Elk City*

Coffeyville

*chertop

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Cedarvale

IOWA

A map of Iowa with city names printed across it. The names are arranged in a grid-like fashion, covering the entire state. Some names are bolded, while others are in regular font. The map includes the state's outline and major geographical features like the Mississippi River to the west and the Missouri River to the north.

City names visible on the map include:

- Swan City
- Federal Protection
- Larchwood
- Ocheyedan
- Armstrong
- Lakota
- Stacyville
- Line Sprg.
- Inwood
- Ashton
- Spirit Lake
- Buffalo City
- George
- Protivin
- Hawarden
- Grettinger
- Ringsted
- Burt
- Rued
- Alta Vista
- Orange-City
- Whittemore
- Rockwell
- Marble-Rock
- Fredericksburg
- McGregor
- Columet
- Sutherland
- Westgate
- Volga
- Guttenberg
- Edgewood
- Pierson
- Aurelia
- Newell
- Pocahontas
- Ther
- Low
- Arlington
- Leamant
- Corringtonville
- Schaller
- Lyttin
- Manson
- Stratford
- Independence
- Schleswig
- Lahrville
- Radcliffe
- Sloan
- Kirk
- Farmhamville
- Eldora
- Union
- Dennison
- Corrall
- Peter
- Vinton
- Ames
- Jefferson
- Reid
- Keystone
- Atkins
- Charlotte
- State Center
- Madrid
- Slater
- Gilman
- Chelton
- Rockersville
- Perry
- Lucerne
- Salem
- Lurent
- Logan
- Portsmouth
- Panora
- Redfield
- Shelby
- Menlo
- Stuart
- Prairie City
- Keokuk
- Oakland
- Greenfield
- Winterset
- Pleasantville
- Keokuk
- Orient
- Melcher
- Buena Vista
- Washington
- Villisca
- Cerning
- Lacrosse
- Edgemoor
- Columbus-Jet
- Ferragut
- Tingley
- West-Point
- Fairfield
- Richland
- Coin
- Lamoni
- Bloomfield
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- Keosauqua
- Marion

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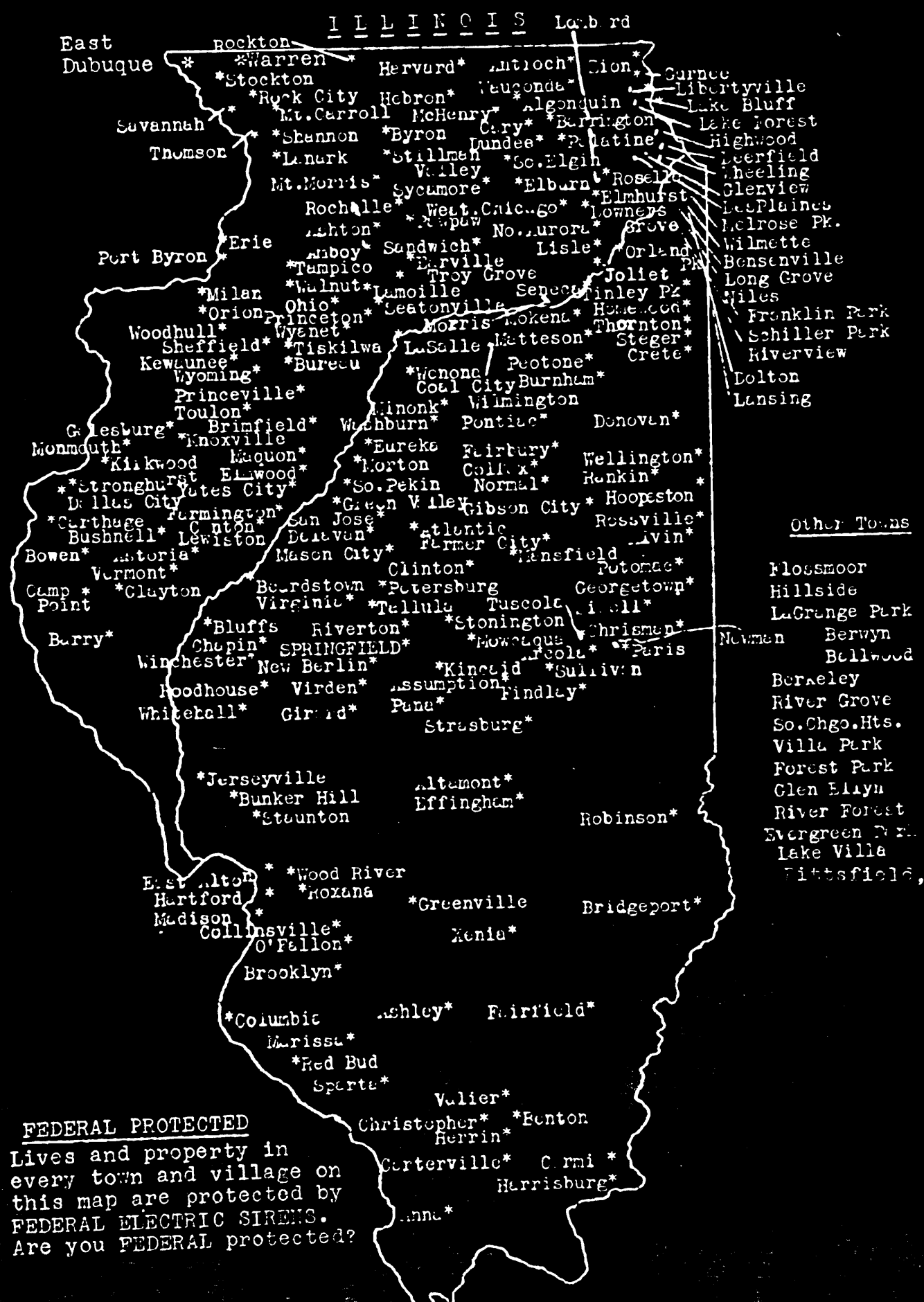
INDIANA

*East Gary *Makamusa *Middlebury Fremont*
 *St. John *Valparaiso *Millersburg Angola*
 *Woutz *Vanatah Ashley*
 *LaCrosse *Huntertown
 *Hamlet *Cromwell
 *Plymouth
 Francesville *Etna Green *Warsaw
 *New Haven *Macy *Claypool
 *No. Judson *Mentone *So. Whitley
 Wolcott* *Silver Lake
 Hartland Fulton *Akron
 *Fowler *Chalmers *Logansport Decatur*
 *Ambia *Delphi *Galveston Bluffton*
 *Brookston *LaFontaine Berne*
 *V. Lebanon *Kokomo *Hartford Penn-
 *Covington *Thornton *Sharpsville City ville*
 *Frankfort *Matthews
 *Sheridan *Eaton
 *Tipton *Parker
 *Farmland
 *Ladoga *Noblesville Fountain
 Stilesville Newcastle* City*
 *Dublin
 *Cambridge City
 Centerville*
 Brookville*
 Batesville*
 *Linton
 *Hazelton *Loogootee
 *Heatland
 *Oakland City
 *Corydon
 Aurora

* Evansville

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ILLINOIS

East Dubuque *Rockton *Warren *Harvard *Antioch *Dion *Sarnee
*Stockton *Rock City *Hebron *Wauconda *Libertyville
*Mt. Carroll *McHenry *Algonquin *Lake Bluff
Savannah *Shannon *Byron *Cary *Barrington *Lake Forest
Thomson *Lanark *Stillman *Jundee *Palatine *Highwood
*Mt. Morris *Valley *So. Elgin *Deerfield
*Sycamore *Elmhurst *Roselle
Rochelle *West Chicago *Lowmeyer
*Naperville *No. Aurora *Grove
Port Byron *Erie *Sandwich *Lisle *Orland
*Tampico *Elmwood *Joliet
*Walnut *Lemoine *Seely *Finley Pk.
*Milan *Ohio *Seatonville *Home Wood
*Orion *Princeton *Morris *Mokena *Thornton
Woodhull *Wyand *LaSalle *Matteson *Steger
Kewanee *Tiskilwa *Bureau *Wenona *Peotone *Crete
Wyoming *Princeville *Minonk *Wilmington
Toulon *Brimfield *Washburn *Pontiac *Donovan
*Knoxville *Eureka *Fairbury *Wellington
*Kirkwood *Macomb *Morton *Collins *Hankin
*Stronghurst *Elwood *So. Pekin *Normal
Dallas City *Vates City *Green Valley *Gibson City *Hoopeston
*Carthage *Farmington *San Jose *Atlantic *Rossville
*Bushnell *Canton *Danvers *Farmer City *Lavin
Bowen *Aurora *Mason City *Clinton *Hansfield *Potosi
Vermont *Camp Point *Beardstown *Petersburg *Georgetown
*Clayton *Virginia *Tallula *Tuscola *Joliet
Barry *Bluffs *Riverton *Stonington *Champaign
*Chapin *SPRINGFIELD *Mowat *Paris
Winchester *New Berlin *Kincaid *Sullivan
Hoodhouse *Virden *Assumption *Findlay
Whitehall *Girard *Pana *Strasburg
*Jerseyville *Altamont
*Bunker Hill *Effingham
*Staunton *Robinson
East Alton *Wood River
Hartford *Moxana *Greenville *Bridgeport
Madison *Collinsville *O'Fallon *Kenia
Brooklyn
*Columbic *Ashley *Fairfield
*Marissa
*Red Bud
Sparta
Valier
Christopher *Benton
Herrin
Carterville *Carmi
Anna *Harrisburg

Other Towns

Flossmoor
Hillside
LaGrange Park
Newman
Berwyn
Bellwood
Berkeley
River Grove
So. Chgo. Hts.
Villa Park
Forest Park
Glen Ellyn
River Forest
Evergreen Park
Lake Villa
Pittsfield

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.O. WERNER HANNI

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

FEB 21 1934

This is a joint memorandum of Special Agents Noonan, Brennan, Glynn, and Blake.

At Clear Lake, Iowa, on February 12, 1934, EVERETT WOOLRIDGE pointed out the house occupied by MRS. ZOHEL and WILBUR HUGHSON and the number is 514 Vincent Street and not 415. He also advised that the house in question was or had been owned by a MRS. KNUDSON who lived next door to 514 Vincent Street.

Agent Blake called at the home of MRS. KNUDSON and upon interview with her and her sister ascertained that the present occupants of the house consist of MRS. ZOHEL, an elderly woman invalided by rheumatism, who now owns the house, her son Henry Zoehl, and a woman who poses as his wife, WILBUR HUGHSON and his alleged wife who is a daughter of MRS. ZOHEL, Senior.

HUGHSON and his wife have been living at 514 Vincent Street since March, 1933, having previously lived in Sioux City, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

HENRY ZOHEL is employed by the U.W.A. and works two days a week, Thursday and Friday.

The house consists of two bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen, all on the ground floor. There are no second story rooms. There is a cellar, entrance to which is had through a trap door in the bathroom.

HUGHSON drives a 1933 Model Chevrolet Sedan, wine colored, with Minnesota license plates. He left Clear Lake on February 8, 1934, at 2:00 P.M., going in an easterly direction accompanied by a man who had been in Clear Lake with him about three weeks. During the three weeks, these two men were in Clear Lake, they seldom went out during the day but were frequently away from the house during the night. This man was described as about 25 to 30 years of age, 5'10" tall, light complexioned and having brown hair, and wearing a brown overcoat with fur trimmed collar and cuffs. Upon leaving, appeared as if he had not shaved for a

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week or more. During the stay of these two men at the house the shades were noticed to be drawn upon only two occasions and no other men were seen to arrive at or depart from the house although apparently the informant noticed the house rather closely. When leaving, the men put three nice looking large suit cases in the car. One night, a woman was seen at the house who was not MRS. ZOBEL or her daughter or daughter-in-law. A son of the informant was said by her to have been told by HUGHSON that he was a detective. The son saw two sawed off shot guns in HUGHSON'S car. There is no telephone in the ZOBEL house and no children are there and none have been there since the ZOBELS have lived there, although children do play in the street. There is no bathtub in the room called the bathroom. Church bells and a public school bell are audible at the ZOBEL home. The cellar is bricked up with side walls but there is no way to heat it.

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Agent Glynn, under the pretext of being [redacted] gained access to the house and found MRS. ZOBEL, HENRY ZOBEL and wife, MRS. HUGHSON and a MISS SMITH there. MRS. HUGHSON said her husband was at the Rogers Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. AGENT GLYNN found the cellar to be about four feet by seven feet and no bed there. The design of the wall paper was a vase with flowers.

At Clear Lake, Iowa, on February 12, 1934, the photographs of all the KARPIS-BARKER gang were shown to FORD LEE, clerk, and MRS. CARROLL, postmaster, but they could not recognize any of them as being parties who had called there recently for mail, or who had been seen around the address of WILBUR HUGHSON.

MR. LEE, above mentioned, who had requested that his name be left out of this matter, directed a letter to Agent following this interview, which letter was received on February 13, 1934, and he stated that the number of the house where HUGHSON has been residing is 514 North Vincent Street and not 415 as previously he had advised. He also stated that he had made further inquiries and the only description he had been able to get of the other party who had been seen at this address, this being an additional party who had been seen at this address other than the one known as M. J. HOGAN, was that this party was about six feet tall, and weighed about two hundred pounds, was of rather hulking build and "dumb" looking and acting.

At Mason City, Iowa, RAY OUTMAN of the Identification Division, Police Department, found a record of one, EMMET WARRA HUGHSON. Mason City Police #4362 [redacted]

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[redacted] could not find the fingerprint card of this party at the time nor had he found same the following day when he forwarded pictures of HUGHSON to this office. He had the following classification however:

The following record of HUGHSON appeared on the records in possession of OULMAN:

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OULMAN'S records show the following description of

HUGHSON:

Three photographs of HUGHSON were obtained from OULMAN and one of them was dispatched to Clear Lake, Iowa, February 13, 1934, for the observation of FORD LEE to determine if it was a picture of the party known as WILBUR HUGHSON.

Very truly yours,

OGH:TO

O.G. HALL, SPECIAL AGENT.

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9-St. Paul

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Feb. 19, 1934

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I, Mrs. John (Grace) Miller wish to make the following statement voluntarily to E. L. Mills, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

Two weeks ago last Friday, as near as I can recall, it was January 23, 1934, just about dusk, sometime between six and seven p.m., I went into my living room in the front of home which is located at 1209 Hague Ave., St. Paul, Minn. At the time I had a cup of tea in my hand and intended to sit in one of the easy chairs and drink it. I decided to try the night latch on the front door as I proceeded there, opened the door and stepped out on the porch for a little air. Just as I stepped onto the porch, I observed a man walking rapidly, almost in a trot, down the drive way of a vacant house which is located to the right of my home. My attention was attracted to some shiny object which this man was holding in his left hand and apparently was trying to conceal. I did not notice this man's features at all though I did observe that his shoulders appeared rather broad, average height. He had a dark cape or coat thrown around his shoulder. His trousers were a very light gray. This man did not look towards me but when passing me he sported up a little and proceeded across the street where he entered a car which was parked on Hague Ave. facing east just about four rods up from Dunlap. I observed that it was a dark car, either sedan or coach. I did not observe whether anyone was waiting in the car and I failed to observe the license plates. I was on the porch just about a minute.

When I came back into the house I sat down in the living room and my chair was facing the street. I had no more than seated myself when a light flashed through the window into my face. I believed it to be a flashlight. This light more or less startled me. I arose from my chair and moved toward the center of the room at the same time glancing through the front window where I observed a man or boy dressed in a dark uniform and what appeared to be high boots on the porch, and stood back thinking the door bell would ring. However, the bell did not ring and I again glanced through the window observing at this time that the person in uniform had left the porch and was at the foot of the steps. The flashlight was showing back towards the front door. This person in uniform then moved down the street in easterly direction and flashed the light on the house situated to the left of my house and I lost sight of him in the darkness.

A few moments later I went to the front door and opened it. I felt something against the storm door and stooped to look at it. I observed a Hill's Brothers coffee can and gave it a kick with my foot. I saw it had been opened and found in the can a large white envelope, long envelope, such as are used for business letters. I picked the envelope up and observed

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that it was marked personal and addressed to Adolph Brown and Walter Hodges. I left the can on the porch and placed the letter in basket of my broom. I immediately went to the telephone and called my husband, Mr. John Miller, informing him that he had better come home for a little while. I did not tell him for what purpose.

Mr. Miller came home immediately and I related to him just what had happened. I gave Mr. Miller the envelope and he went out on the porch and brought the coffee can in. Mr. Miller made no comments to me whatever about the note. He picked up the telephone book and I left the room. I do not know whether he made a call or not and I did not want to stay around any longer since I did not care to be mixed up in the affair.

The note was not opened while in my possession. Mr. Miller never informed me as to the contents of the note and even to this date I am unaware as to the contents of the note.

The things that impressed me about the man I saw in the driveway were the heavy shoulders, swaggering walk, and the manner in which he held his head down, apparently to hide his features. His dress was funny and bulky. It appeared as though he was wearing more than one suit of clothes.

The above has been read by me and is true as written.

(Signed) MRS. JOHN (GRACE) MILLER,
1809 Hague Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Witnessed:
E. L. NALLS, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

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J. H. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota
February 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-58.

The St. Paul Division office was in receipt of a telephone call from a party at 1015 Pioneer Building, advising that he had some information of value to this investigation.

MR. W. D. FRITZ was contacted at the above address and advised Agent that he owns a parking lot at 76 Eighth Street; that about two weeks ago while he was present at the lot, three men drove in, in a Ford V8 Sedan, 1933 model, and two men remained in the car after it was parked. These men were gruff when spoken to, and he believed them to be suspicious characters. He was unable to give any record of the license number, and when Agent contacted TED PAJESKI, caretaker at the lot, PAJESKI was unable even to recall the circumstances. MR. FRITZ was unable to describe the parties in the car other than that the driver was a large man with a round face, ruddy complexion and sandy hair.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER, Kidnaping.
St. Paul File 7-30

I contacted the manager and lady assistant at F. R. MANN & SON, Inc., 437 St. Peter St., St. Paul, Minnesota, both of whom stated they know of no wallpaper designers who are located in the Twin Cities; that such designers will be found located principally in the east where the wall paper factories are located. The young lady furnished the following list of Manufacturers:

Thos. Strahan, Chelsea, Mass.
Maxwell & Company, Chicago, Illinois
Birge & Son, Buffalo, New York
Dremont & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
Sanderson, London, England
Lloyd & Co., New York City
George Green, London, England
Hanken, Brooklyn, New York
Pan American Wall Paper Company, Chicago, Ill.
Breck - Brooklyn, New York
Dandge - Toronto, Canada
Emmerich - New York City
Hampson - New York City
Binder - New York City

I was informed that F. R. MANN & SON, Inc. have one of the most complete lines of wall paper and samples in this territory and the manager has offered to assist in checking of samples if supplied with sufficient information concerning the design of paper seen by MR. BREMER.

R. L. Nalls,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANDEL

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 7-30.

I again contacted confidential informant [redacted] this case [redacted] on February 15th and requested that he endeavor to ascertain the following:

- (1) Through his connection with the victim's family, Jack fragments of the victim's story as he could obtain from general conversation with them.
- (2) The present location of KARPIS, the two BARKERS, and that gang.
- (3) The present location of the St. Paul underworld headquarters.
- (4) Present location of JACK DAVENPORT.

In conversation with him at this time, he told me that [redacted] had been approached by JACK PFEIFFER, [redacted] and PFEIFFER had stated, [redacted] when the St. men [redacted] question us about Karpis and the two Barkers, what are you going to tell them? [redacted] replied that if the St. men came out, it would be foolish to assume that they did not know something or else they would not have come out there. JACK PFEIFFER said, "Are you going to identify them if they show their photographs?" [redacted] said, "I am going to say that I have seen them before but that I don't know who they are." PFEIFFER, after some discussion, thought that would be the better course to follow.

The confidential informant advised that the St. Paul and Minneapolis underworld are very much in fear of this Division but are not afraid of the St. Paul Police.

On February 15th, I again contacted the confidential informant and he informed me that as yet he has not had an opportunity to talk to the victim but when he does, he will notify me and give me all the information he can.

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Regarding KARPIS and the BARKERS and their gang, he stated that he was unable to learn where they were at the present time and doubted that the local underworld knew exactly where they are. He said that two weeks ago, JACK PFELFFER had invited [redacted] to go for a ride. [redacted] thought he was going for a one-way ride and hesitated, and PFELFFER said he wanted to go over and examine the Brass Hall, a saloon in Minneapolis. On the way over PFELFFER asked [redacted] whether [redacted] thought KARPIS and BARKER had pulled the BREMER kidnaping, to which [redacted] stated he did not know. PFELFFER then stated, "What do you think?" [redacted] then stated that he did not know what to think. PFELFFER then stated that if KARPIS and the two BARKERS had kidnaped BREMER, PFELFFER would see to it that they were "bumped off" because of the heat that was being put under the local gangs.

[redacted] did not know whether JACK PFELFFER was leading him out to see how he felt about the case and his reaction or whether PFELFFER is actually in ignorance as to who perpetrated the BREMER kidnaping.

The confidential informant was not in a position to secure the address of the local gang's headquarters but secured for me the telephone number, which is Geneva 2140.

He also ascertained that JACK DAVENPORT is at the present time confined to his home because of illness. He is said to be sick in bed.

The confidential informant advised me that [redacted] told him that for some time prior to the kidnaping of EDWARD BREMER, a man known as "BIG LOUIS", a Jew from New York, resided at an apartment house about two blocks south of Goodrich on Lexington Avenue. After "BIG LOUIS" had resided in this place for some time, he was joined by a young fellow, 6 feet tall, weighing about 165 or 170 pounds, light complexioned, who, according to [redacted] who saw him once, was extremely nervous. This person stayed there until the night that BREMER was kidnaped and disappeared. [redacted] for some reason or other, indicated to the confidential informant that he was strongly suspicious that this person was implicated in the kidnaping. Because of the reliability of the information secured through this source, may I suggest that an immediate inquiry be made to locate the apartment in which "BIG LOUIS" resides, or did reside, in an effort to ascertain the identity of the young man mentioned above.

From the confidential informant and others whom I have interviewed in the last few days, as well as through verification by telephone numbers secured from a raid on the Hollyhocks Club by the County Attorney's office in Dakota County, it was ascertained that JACK DAVENPORT resides at 4109 Columbus Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The confidential informant also advised me that yesterday morning, some place near Hinckley, Minnesota, a game warden shot and killed a bear or more man at which time the game warden shot and killed a bear. One man in whose possession was found \$1000 in small bills. I immediately attempted to verify this by communicating with the Sheriff of Pine City and he likewise had heard the same rumor but heard that it was the Sheriff of Wilaca, Minnesota; and I then called the Sheriff of Wilaca and he was not present, I talked to one of his deputies, who assured me there was nothing whatsoever to the rumor and that they had not heard it.

I then called MR. McFARLAND, Deputy Commissioner of Conservation, Minnesota, who is a friend of mine, and he likewise telephoned to various sections of northern Minnesota, advising me that he could not obtain a verification of the rumor but would continue to make inquiries, advising me immediately if it appeared the rumor was of some merit.

I intend to see the confidential informant again tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

G. G. HALL,
Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDW. G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

M. PASSOLT, State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, stated that Sheriff Brieschoffer at Glencoe, Minnesota, telephoned him on February 18, 1934, advising that the day before a young man, THORBURN, from Hopkins, Minnesota, who was working with the Civil Relief for Highway department at Madison, Minnesota, on a survey crew, was hitch-hiking and was picked up by two men near Norton, Minnesota, with a green Hudson sedan.

After getting in the car with these men, THORBURN observed a number of guns therein, and decided he was in bad company, so upon reaching Glencoe he left the car at a filling station where he went into the rest room, locking himself in, and refused to proceed further with the men. The filling station attendant at Glencoe notified the Sheriff and furnished Minnesota 1933 license # B80-527, stating that he believed same to be the number appearing on the car in which the young man came to the filling station. (Plates this number issued to ALBERT SYRINS, 767 Thomas Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.)

MR. PASSOLT thinks there may be some connection with the BREMER case and suggests that THORBURN can be located through ELWOOD LAMERE, Foreman of survey crew, Madison, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

R. J. HALLS,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR B. A. O. WERNER HANST.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

EVERETT FAIRBANKS, previously reported as being in possession of the automobile bearing Minnesota license 176-876, which car, according to bus driver GEORGE WILLIE, followed the bus to Rochester on the night the ransom was paid, advised concerning his employment that about the 16th of December, 1933, while he was residing with his family at Federal Dam, which is his permanent location, he obtained a position through the Cass Lake Indian Census authorities to work on Indian census, the purpose being to obtain tabulations as to the family and the housing conditions of the Indians in northern Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

MR. FAIRBANKS further stated that he was assigned to work with a man by the name of CASWELL and that he received his instructions from the Indian Agent at Cass Lake, Minnesota; that in accordance with the suggestion of the Indian Agent, he (FAIRBANKS) went to Faribault, Minnesota, about December 20th and borrowed an automobile, which was a Ford 1932 model V-8 Sedan, from his brother-in-law, MR. OSTROM, MR. OSTROM being the owner and operator of a grocery store in Faribault.

MR. FAIRBANKS took this automobile, which carried license plates 176-876, Minnesota 1933, and drove same to Cass Lake where he again met MR. CASWELL, also an Indian census agent, and he and MR. CASWELL, upon instructions from the Indian Agent, proceeded to Milaca, worked there for about three days and went from there to a point near Deer River and thence to the area north of Bemidji, finally coming to Orr, Minnesota, on January 15th, where he stored the Ford car in the only garage in the town of Orr. The car was locked, according to MR. FAIRBANKS, and the garage itself, being for dead storage only, was also locked, and the key taken by the owner of the garage who lives approximately a block away. MR. FAIRBANKS is unable to supply the name of the garage owner. It further appears from the statement of MR. FAIRBANKS that MR. CASWELL had previously used this garage for storage and when it was decided to leave the FAIRBANKS car because of the condition of the roads and to proceed with the work on foot, MR. CASWELL suggested storage at the garage in question.

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After leaving Orr on the 15th of January, MR. FAIRBANKS, according to his statement, went to his home at Federal Dam and worked in that vicinity for several days, later working in the neighborhood of St. Louis County then returning

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to Federal Dam, then to Milaca and from there, he advised, to Faribault, Minnesota, over the weekend of February 11th where he was located by this agent.

MR. FAIRBANKS advised that the reports in the Government offices of the Indian Service, census section, at Cass Lake, would reflect his exact movements, day by day, through his reports on the work done since the day of his entering the census service. MR. FAIRBANKS also stated that his mileage reports while using the car would indicate the exact mileage covered with same and the mileage on the automobile at the time of its storage in the garage at Orr.

MR. FAIRBANKS is the father of a small daughter about twelve years of age who is living with her uncle and aunt at Faribault while attending school.

Concerning MR. CASWELL, MR. FAIRBANKS advised that he knew very little about him other than that he had been approved for the Indian Service by the Cass Lake authorities and was a resident of northern Minnesota.

When agent visited the OSTROM family at Faribault for the purpose of bring MR. FAIRBANKS to the St. Paul Division office, MR. OSTROM, who was the owner of the automobile, was very much worried over the possibility that his automobile had been stolen from storage at Orr inasmuch as he carried no insurance. With this in mind, MR. OSTROM insisted on coming with agent and FAIRBANKS to the St. Paul Division office to ascertain whether or not the car and the license plates were still intact in the garage at Orr. As previously reported, through Game Warden MUNSON at Orr it was ascertained that the car was still in storage in the garage where it had been left on January 15th.

MR. FAIRBANKS' fingerprints were taken at the St. Paul Division office and both he and MR. OSTROM were instructed that the automobile in question should not be moved until further notice from the Division, to which they agreed.

MR. FAIRBANKS left St. Paul on the afternoon of February 11th to return to Cass Lake for further instructions in the census work. He was accompanied by MR. CASWELL, who was not present at the St. Paul Division office, but according to MR. FAIRBANKS, he (FAIRBANKS) was to meet CASWELL at the Vendome Hotel in Minneapolis on Monday, February 12th, and they were to proceed together to Cass Lake from there.

Very truly yours,

E. H. NOTESTEEN,

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANDEL

EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul, File 7-30

With reference to the 3-3/8 inch Filmolens used by the kidnappers in the signal lights it may be noted that Reinhard Bros., Minneapolis, were again contacted and through MR. HOBOROSS, Purchasing Officer, it was noted that records of this concern reveal that on January 3rd, 1934, under order No. 15427, twenty-four 3-3/8 inch Filmolens were shipped to the Aberdeen, South Dakota, branch of Reinhard Bros. Inventory for January 1st reflected that 27 of these lens were on hand in stock and that on January 9th, 72 were received from the factory. Two were sold over the city desk on February 5th, making a total sale of 28 during the month of January and depleting the stock on hand to 73. Physical check of stock showed that Reinhard Bros. now have on hand in fact 80 of the 3-3/8 inch Filmolens, the additional 7 of which they are unable to account for.

As before stated, a poll of the clerks at the city desk failed to develop any information as to the sale of the two filmolens from the retail store. None of the employees of Reinhard Bros. had any recollection concerning this sale.

The Western Auto Supply Company at 9th and Hennepin, Minneapolis, was visited and the Manager, MR. HORTON, was interviewed, MR. HORTON advising that only three Filmolens were sold during the month of January, none in December, and none in February, from the Hennepin Avenue store. All clerks in this establishment were interviewed personally and they advised that they had no recollection whatever concerning the sale of three Filmolens.

The Western Auto Supply Company, Lake Street branch, was visited and MR. C. KRANZ, the Manager, was interviewed, MR. KRANZ indicating after an examination of his records that 13 3-3/8 inch Filmolens were sold by the Lake Street store during the month of January. All of the clerks at this store were interviewed personally, several recalling the sale of one lens but none having any recollection of a sale of more than one at a time. The photographs of the following persons were exhibited to clerks in this store without any identification being made:

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 ARTHUR E. PARKER
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 ALVIN KARPIS
 HARRY CAMPBELL
 VOLNEY DAVIS
 LOUIS SHERMAN
 LLOYD FINGER
 FRED SPEAKMAN
 PAUL JOHNSON
 ARTHUR STETSON
 DALLAS PHILLIPS
 LESLIE WEARST
 WILLIAM PARIS
 LLOYD CUTLER
 WILLIAM CHRISTIANSON

The Western Auto Supply Company on East Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis was contacted through Manager R. BRADLEY and it was ascertained through the records of the store that only three Filmolens were sold by this store during the month of January, none in February, and none in December. All the clerks in this store were polled and none had any recollection as to the sale of these Filmolens, although each clerk insisted that he was positive not more than one was sold to a customer, otherwise such fact would have been impressed on his mind.

The Western Auto Supply Company at 1551 University Avenue was contacted and MR. ALBERTSON, the Manager, interviewed, MR. ALBERTSON advising that during the month of January, thirteen Filmolens were sold by that store. Examination of the clerks reflected that no clerk had any recollection of the sale of any of these lens, all insisted that not more than one had been sold to a customer.

The Western Auto Supply Company at 60 Sixth Street, St. Paul, was visited and MR. GEORGE DERSE, General Manager and official in charge of all Twin Cities Western Auto Supply Company branches, advised from his records that no Filmolens were sold by the branch at 60 Sixth Street but that 78 Filmolens, 3-3/8 inch size, were sold in the Twin Cities stores during January, 1934, and between January 1st and January 12th. MR. DERSE stated that this is an unprecedented circumstance and that never in the history of the company during the past few years has such a large stock of this article been disposed of through the local stores.

MR. DERSE further advised, after an examination of all mail orders to the Twin Cities stores, that no shipments of more than one Filmolene had been made during the month of January to any one party. In this connection, MR. DERSE advised that he would call a meeting of all managers of the Twin Cities stores for tonight, February 15, and the matter would be carefully gone into and in addition, he would notify the auditor's office at Kansas City, Missouri, today and request that all sales slips for all stores in this territory covering the sale of this article, which is listed as S-159, be forwarded immediately to the St. Paul store at 60 Sixth Street. MR. DERSE stated that with all the sales slips at hand, he would be in a position to determine positively what lens were sold, when, and where, and in what quantity. This information will be available on Monday, February 16th. It is understood from MR. DERSE that each sales slip for each item is forwarded to the Kansas City auditor's office and bears the name or the initials of the clerk making the sale. Therefore, positive information concerning the purchases of this article in the Twin Cities will be available.

In connection with the Merit Product Flashlight, and in addition to the information previously submitted, it may be noted that the lights in question have been forwarded to the Chicago office to be presented to the United States Electrical Company of Chicago in an effort to identify the manufacturer of this product. The following additional stores in Minneapolis were visited on this date, it being noted that none of these stores sells a Merit Product flashlight:

NEISNERS,
GRANT COMPANY,
KRESGE,
WOOLWORTHS,
GAMBLES,
THE LEADER,
WALGREEN DRUG STORES.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota

February 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

MR. JOHN MARTHALER of the John Marthaler Company, manufacturers of machinery and more particularly the Eric Siren, was interviewed and he presented a list of all sirens now in operation which were manufactured by that company. From this list, agent took the names of towns in North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, in which sirens are now located which were so placed by this company.

MR. MARTHALER further presented a mimeographed sheet showing all towns in the State of Minnesota in which Eric sirens are now in operation.

MR. MARTHALER further stated that the Eric Siren Company does most of the business in the Middle West but that further information in this connection might be obtained through the Federal Siren Company, 8700 South State Street, Chicago; the W. S. Nott Company of Minneapolis; the Sterling Interstate Machine Products Company, Rochester, New York; and the Hendrie & Bolthoff Manufacturing & Supply Company at Denver, Colorado. It further appears from the statement of MR. MARTHALER that the Federal Siren Company is the most prominent one of these listed and that the W. S. Nott Company, insofar as he knows, is the only representative of any other siren other than the one manufactured by him.

All of these companies, with the exception of the W. S. Nott Company, were contacted by mail from the St. Paul Division office on February 15, 1934.

On February 14, 1934, agent interviewed MR. W. S. HODGES, who is in charge of fire siren sales for the W. S. Nott Company in Minneapolis, MR. HODGES advising that the Eric siren, which is manufactured by MR. MARTHALER, is by far the most efficient and the most satisfactory siren on the market today and has practically all of the business in that line. It appears that the W. S. Nott Company is really an agency for the Eric siren and the patentee and owner of this siren is the Eric Siren Company at Canby, Minnesota. The siren, however, is manufactured, as before stated, by the JOHN MARTHALER COMPANY and is sold through MR. ERIC of the Eric Siren Company of Canby, Minnesota, and by MR. HODGES of the W. S. Nott Company in Minneapolis. The only available list in the W. S. Nott Company of sirens now in operation in this

manner in which to obtain complete records of all sirens in this area would be direct through the Eric Siren Company of Canby, Minnesota.

It further appears from the statements of MR. HODGES that in his opinion not more than three or four sirens manufactured by any of the other companies are now in operation in this locality; that the siren manufactured by the Federal Siren Company has been proved unsatisfactory because of necessity for considerable service and that the same may be said for the Sterling Interstate Machine Products Company siren which has not stood up in this climate.

Concerning the Denver Company, the HENDRIE & BOLTHOFF concern, MR. HODGES stated that there is no competition in the Middle West between the Eric Company and this concern because of the freight rates and that insofar as he knows, there are no Denver sirens in operation in the Middle Western States.

According to MR. HODGES, all of the sirens manufactured by the Eric Siren Company are sold directly to municipalities and they are manufactured for that purpose rather than for factory or institution uses; that the type of siren used in institutions as an alarm signal is considerably different from the heavy type, regular siren manufactured by the Eric Siren Company. In MR. HODGES' opinion, all other sirens not made by the Eric Company might be eliminated from this survey because of their type and qualifications.

Very truly yours,

E. M. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. O. WERNER HARRY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Inquiry was made at the Episcopal Church diocese office covering the diocese of Minnesota located at 2344 Nicollet Avenue, telephone Bridgeport 2568, in Minneapolis and MR. E. R. COFFAGE of that office advised that the Episcopal churches do not ring their bells Saturday at all in the diocese of Minnesota or any other diocese that he knows of.

Inquiry was made at the Presbyterian church headquarters, 1040 Plymouth Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and W. R. HARSHAW of that office advised that it is not a practice of the Presbyterian church to ring the bell on Saturday afternoons or evenings.

Inquiry was made at the Twin City Baptist Union, 706 National Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the same information was received to the effect that the bells in that church are not rung on Saturday.

Similar inquiry was made of the Swedish Evangelical Free church with offices at 1225 Washington Avenue South in Minneapolis where PETER HENSEN, trustee of that church, advised that no services were conducted on Saturday and no bells were rung in that church on Saturday.

It was the general statement of the parties interviewed above that in the Twin Cities, very few of the churches have bells or if they have them, they are not rung, either on Saturdays or Sundays.

Rev. OTTO LEONARDSON, retired, present address 415 Harvard Street, Lutheran minister, stated that he is acquainted personally with every Evangelical Lutheran minister in the United States. He stated that it is the custom in some communities for the Lutheran church to ring their bells Saturday afternoon. It is personally known to him that the Lutheran church at East Union, near Cologne, Minnesota, rings the bell regularly at four o'clock Saturday afternoons and that at the Lutheran church at Dunnell, Minnesota, the bell is rung at six o'clock every Saturday and also at Center City, Minnesota, the Lutheran church bell is known to be rung at either five or six p.m., on Saturdays. Rev. LEONARDSON stated that the custom of ringing the bell is an old custom and if practiced, is usually in a community made up mostly of Norwegians or Swedish people. The theory of this bell ringing on Saturday is to ring in the Sabbath and the time the bell is rung is to indicate the hour that the daily toil should be dropped for the Sabbath Day.

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Rev. LEONARDSON turned over to agent a directory containing approximately 500 names of all the ministers of the Lutheran church, and further consideration is being given to the circularization of the ministers located in the Northwest States.

Inquiry was made at the Rectory of Archbishop JOHN MURRAY of the Catholic Church in St. Paul where Father SCHENK, Secretary to the Archbishop, was interviewed. He stated that the fact that the church bells were rung numerous times on Sunday would perhaps indicate that it was a Catholic Church, but that it was not the usual practice for Catholic Church bells to be rung on Saturday afternoons or evenings. There is a possibility, he stated, that children's instructions might be held on Saturday afternoons and that the church bell would be rung calling the children to such instructions. However, he also offered the opinion that if it was a Catholic church that was heard ringing, it would in most instances be rung at 6:00 p.m., and also at 12:00 noon, which is the usual ringing of the angelus. He also stated that in some places, pastors have the bell rung for Saturday confessionals, but these instances are very few. Father SCHENK submitted a complete list of church and pastors for the archdiocese of St. Paul covering the Twin Cities and most of the Western part of Minnesota, and turned over to this office for its use 1933 Directory of the Catholic Churches in the United States, also making notation as to the places in the Directory where the dioceses could be found which cover the Northwest territory.

Very truly yours,

R. T. NOONAN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. O'BRIEN - Victim,
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

United States Attorney GEORGE F. SULLIVAN, St. Paul, called at the St. Paul Division office today and advised that a MR. F. O. WHITLEY, a Minneapolis patent attorney, had called him by telephone indicating that some acquaintance of his (MR. WHITLEY'S) had some information which might be of value in this investigation.

Agent interviewed MR. WHITLEY, who is a prominent Minneapolis lawyer, practicing exclusively in the field of patents, at his offices at 911 Foshay Tower and was advised that he (MR. WHITLEY) had known ARCHIE COUTRE, a barber in the Foshay Tower Shop, for several years and had acted in the capacity of business advisor for MR. COUTRE; that through this association, he had come to know MR. COUTRE intimately and placed every confidence in him.

At the instance of agent, MR. COUTRE was called from the barber shop by telephone and was interviewed in MR. WHITLEY'S office.

MR. COUTRE advised that for approximately a year, one OSCAR KISER, his brother JOHN KISER, and several other persons associated with the KISER brothers, had occupied space in the Foshay Tower and were in some promotion scheme which had resulted in OSCAR KISER'S being indicted in the State Court for fraud. It appears that the KISER brothers are both at present on \$7,000 bail in connection with the above matter.

MR. COUTRE further stated that the KISERS have a very bad reputation and came to Minneapolis from Milwaukee where they were involved in some doubtful activity; that up until about the 10th of January, he (MR. COUTRE) has done the barbering for the KISERS almost daily since they arrived in the Foshay Tower; that about January 10th, they disappeared or, according to MR. COUTRE, they no longer came to his shop and he saw nothing of them until the 9th of February when OSCAR KISER came to the shop with a week's growth of beard and made some joking remark about not being able to get a shave. When MR. COUTRE inquired whether MR. KISER had been ill, MR. KISER stated that he had not been ill but he had been out of town.

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Examination of the building directory in the Fosbury Tower failed to reflect the name KISER but it was noted that Room 808 is occupied by the First National Properties and the Acme Development Company. MR. COUTRE was again contacted and he indicated that these companies were the ones in which the KISERS were involved.

MR. COUTRE described OSCAR KISER as being about 5 feet 10 inches in height, very dark complexioned, and approximately 190 pounds in weight. Both of the KISERS, according to MR. COUTRE, are Jewish, and have black hair and brown eyes. JOHN KISER is about 5 feet 10 inches in height and about 170 pounds in weight. According to MR. COUTRE, the KISERS are very aggressive and insolent in their manner and on occasions have made statements to the effect that they are afraid of no one on earth.

It is MR. COUTRE'S opinion that the KISER'S, because of their reputation and connections, are involved with gangsters and racketeers in Minneapolis. MR. COUTRE could give no facts to substantiate his belief but stated that "he knew it was so".

Agent visited the KISER offices without making any inquiry and noted that several men were sitting around in a private office and a stenographer was apparently occupied in the typing of forms. It was also not believed advisable at this time to contact the building management.

Very truly yours,

E. W. NOTESTERN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. S. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-20.

Concerning the wall paper design which has been somewhat indefinitely described by MR. EDWARD BREMER, the victim, as being on the walls of the room in which he was confined, it may be noted that on the basis of first information furnished to the St. Paul Division office that this wall paper pattern was manufactured by the Smith Horning Company of Cleveland, Ohio, the only Twin Cities distributor for Smith Horning paper was contacted, this company being the FRANK HIRSHFIELD COMPANY of Minneapolis, and all paper manufactured by the above concern was exhibited to MR. BREMER, MR. BREMER advising that none of the patterns viewed were the type on the room in question. It appears that the Smith Horning paper is a very expensive and exclusive quality of paper and is used generally only in high-class homes.

An effort was made at the Hirshfield Paper Company through MR. and MRS. HIRSHFIELD, who have been in the wall paper business for the past 40 years, to obtain samples of the paper which contained a representation of a fence together with a tree bearing flowers of four-leaf clover design. All specimens of this type of paper have been shown to MR. BREMER, without result.

MR. CHRIEMAN, a wall paper designer and decorator, residing at 3710 East 34th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted and he accompanied agent and MR. SMITH, the General Manager of the Hirshfield Paper Company, to the St. Paul Division Office where, with the assistance of MR. EDWARD BREMER, MR. CHRIEMAN endeavored to obtain sufficient data on the desired paper to draw a design.

The design prepared by MR. CHRIEMAN was brought to the St. Paul Division office on February 16th and was shown to MR. EDWARD BREMER, who indicated that same was not exactly like the design of the paper on the room in which he was held. Certain changes were indicated by MR. BREMER, and an effort will now be made to have MR. CHRIEMAN make up a further design reflecting a type of paper more similar to that believed by MR. BREMER to have been in the house in which he was held a prisoner.

Through the assistance of MRS. FRANK GRIFFIN, agent was informed that one ROBERT GRIFFIN, United Wall Paper Company, 137 West Side, Jersey City, New Jersey, was the most prominent manufacturer of wall paper in the business today and made it a point to obtain all designs of wall paper in all companies now operating. It appears that MR. GRIFFIN

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through his business connections, has in the past become conversant with every design prepared by the wall paper trade.

In accordance with the above information, a letter was dispatched to the New York Division office for the purpose of contacting MR. CHIFFIN and obtaining his assistance in locating a paper with the required specifications.

Very truly yours,

E. W. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNA

St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 15, 1934.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.

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Reference is made to the memorandum submitted by Special Agent S. K. McKee under date of February 13, 1934.

In this connection, all of the persons interviewed on the occasion of the previous investigation were re-questioned but they related similar stories.

ERNEST MILISCH, referred to in the previous memorandum, was interviewed and he stated that following the interview between the writer and his father, he and his father talked over the matter of the gasoline cans having been found on the road leading to REUBEN GROSSMANN'S home and he has come to the conclusion that the date on which he saw an automobile parked at the corner where the cans were found was Wednesday, February 7, 1934, and not the following day. He stated that he remembers this date to be Wednesday because of the fact that he and his brother skipped hauling tamarack logs on one day of that week and there is no doubt in his mind now but that the day skipped was Tuesday, and he is positive that the day on which he saw the car was the day following that on which he and his brother did not haul logs.

Further with respect to this automobile, ERNEST MILISCH said that on Wednesday, February 7, 1934, he laid off work early and went to the school house at 3:30 p.m., from which place he brought his young brother and three neighbor "kids" home from school. He said that at about 4:00 p.m., he was standing by the barn near his home, unhitching his team when he noticed a coffee brown colored automobile drive up the road past his house from Route No. 16. He said he thought this car was a late model Nash automobile of the sedan type and advised that the only persons in same were two men, both of whom were in the front seat. He said further that from the glances he obtained of these men as they passed, they both appeared to be around 30 years of age, were fairly well dressed, wore overcoats and felt hats, and he believes that the one who was not driving wore a light gray overcoat and light colored hat. MILISCH said this car passed him at a distance of about five yards and drove past his house where it turned on the left fork of the county road and stopped at the corner where the gasoline cans were later found. He said that he did not notice the license plates on this car.

He said further that when the car had stopped at the corner in question, he went to a point near his house and tried to observe what was going on inasmuch as he was curious, and he noticed that both men got out of the car and walked to the back of it where they appeared to be "fooling" with the spare tire.

He said further that the car and men remained at the spot where the cans were found for about half an hour, following which they drove back past his house and to Route No. 16. MILLISCH was unable to state which direction the car drove on Route No. 16 after leaving the county road.

With respect to the information supplied by REUBEN GROSSMANN as related in the prior memorandum of this agent, ERNEST MILLISCH said that he is positive that MARIE GROSSMANN, the six-year-old daughter of REUBEN GROSSMANN, did not go home from school on Wednesday, February 7th, but on the other hand went to the home of her grandmother, where she remained for some time before going home. He said that in order to reach her grandmother's home, the little girl would not have to pass the corner where the cans were found but that she in all probability did "cut" another corner, which no doubt accounts for the statements made by her father.

The twin brother of ERNEST MILLISCH was questioned but he advised that on Wednesday, February 7th, while his brother was at home, he was in the swamp with his father, cutting tamarack logs and for that reason knew nothing regarding the automobile or the gasoline cans in question.

It should be stated here that the writer was in error in his previous memorandum when he stated that the ground to the right of the spot where the cans were found was occupied by a field covered with corn stubbles. That ground is occupied by a field which is presently covered with timothy and clover stubbles. The corn stubble field referred to is located approximately 50 yards down the road toward Route No. 16 from the spot where the cans were found. Aside from the above description of the spot as set out in the previous memorandum of this agent is correct.

In company with Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIRNER of Portage, Wisconsin, the writer covered the territory within a mile of the spot where the cans were found and it was ascertained that there is only one dwelling house located within the area aside from the houses occupied by the persons who have already been interviewed. This house is located on Route No. 16, about one-fourth mile northwest of the intersection of Route No. 16 and the county road on which the MILLISCH home is situated and is occupied by

an aged couple. Interview with a Mrs. BECK, who resides in this house, resulted in the statement by her that she had been confined to the house with illness for the past two weeks and had not observed anything that had taken place on the outside. She stated further that her husband has not been around the house during the daytime in the past two weeks, inasmuch as his work, namely cutting tamarack logs, has kept him in the swamp during working hours.

In company with Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIBNER, the writer called at all gasoline filling stations located in Portage, Wisconsin, and at the surrounding roads on Route No. 13 between Portage, Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, and the surrounding roads on a county highway leading from Wisconsin Dells to Biggsville, Wisconsin, and thence back into Portage. None of the filling station operators could furnish any data regarding the filling of four 5-gallon gasoline cans on February 7th or on any other date. It should be stated that none of these persons could remember having filled any 5-gallon gasoline can for a person other than a regular customer.

During the course of these interviews, however, one HERMAN PETERSON, operator of the Standard Oil Station at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, related that one day last week, which would be the week subsequent to February 4, 1934, two men in a sedan automobile, make, color and license unknown, stopped at his station and purchased a quart of oil and secured some water. He said these men were in a hurry as there were two other cars in the station at the time they pulled up and they asked the occupants of the other cars if they would mind letting them be waited on first. PETERSON said that while waiting on these two men, he noticed several round shaped 5-gallon gasoline cans in the back of the car with a blanket thrown over them but that he could not state how many cans the car contained.

It should be stated here that there is a Wisconsin law making it necessary that all cans in which gasoline is sold be painted red and in this connection attention is called to the fact that the four cans found by REUBEN GROSSMANN were not painted but on the other hand were bare tin. During the course of the numerous interviews with filling station operators, the writer formed the opinion that a person would experience much difficulty in having four unpainted gasoline cans filled at almost any filling station in the State of Wisconsin inasmuch as filling such cans would make the station proprietor liable to a fine of \$50.

It should be stated here that in some instances, it was found that more than one person operated filling stations where interviews were conducted, and in this connection arrangements were made whereby Deputy Sheriff HIRNER would be notified if any of the operators had filled the four 5-gallon cans in question. It should also be stated that Deputy Sheriff HIRNER told the various filling station operators at the time they were interviewed that he was not interested in the "painted can law" in connection with making the instant inquiries.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKEE,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WENNER HARRY

St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 19, 1934.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-50.

Reference is made to the letter received from the Chicago office under date of February 20, 1934, in connection with an anonymous telephone call received by that office in which information was furnished to the effect that one MEL WOLDENBERG of Madison, Wisconsin, was possibly involved in the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER.

Chief of Police W. H. MCCORMICK, Madison, Wisconsin, and Chief of Detective LEO KINNEY of the same city, were interviewed and they advised that the MEL WOLDENBERG concerning whom agent was inquiring was no doubt MALCOLM WOLDENBERG. Both of these men furnished descriptions of MALCOLM WOLDENBERG and same are almost identical with the description set out in the letter from the Chicago Division office. It was stated by the above officers that MALCOLM WOLDENBERG comes from a very prominent Jewish family who have been residents of Madison for many years; that the father died about five years ago; that MEL WOLDENBERG left Madison about two years ago and is thought to be present residing in Chicago but that his two brothers, namely CHARLES and SAMUEL WOLDENBERG, still live in Madison. It was stated that CHARLES operates a department store, while SAMUEL is engaged in the real estate business and is also said to be the distributor of a fairly large number of "whiffle boards". It was stated that CHARLES and SAMUEL WOLDENBERG have been closely associated with the Progressive Party in Wisconsin for many years and are intimate with the LAVOLLETTES. Chief McCormick said, however, that he did not believe MEL WOLDENBERG had ever been active politically.

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It was stated further that there had never been a rumor around Madison of MEL'S having been connected with any racketeers or hoodlums.

Chief McCORMICK told the writer that about three weeks ago he received an inquiry from one REUBEN NECKERMAN of the Neckerman Insurance Agency concerning MEL WOLDENBERG, NECKERMAN stating at the time that he had a civil judgment against him. The Chief called NECKERMAN on the phone in agent's presence and it was stated that the inquiry was made in view of the fact that he (NECKERMAN) had heard that WOLDENBERG was in town. At this same time, NECKERMAN related that MEL WOLDENBERG has been away from Madison for about two years, is living in Chicago, Illinois, and is thought to be employed as a salesman by some wholesale liquor house.

At the request of the writer, Chief McCORMICK made telephonic inquiry of E. A. HAYDEN of the Madison Drug Company, through whom it was learned that MEL WOLDENBERG was in town about four weeks ago, at which time he called on the Madison Drug Company as salesman of liquor for the Midstate Distributors, 159 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was stated by MR. HAYDEN that WOLDENBERG appeared to be uneasy at the time of his call. Chief McCORMICK said that in his opinion, the apparent uneasiness of WOLDENBERG could be attributed to the fact that several civil judgments are outstanding against him in Madison.

Assistant United States Attorney H. E. HANSON was interviewed and he advised that he had heard of MEL WOLDENBERG but had never heard of his being associated with racketeers or other type of law violators. He stated that the WOLDENBERG family was rather prominent in Madison and that he had never heard anything against the name.

An examination was made of the City Directory for Madison, Wisconsin, for the year 1935 and it was ascertained that MEL WOLDENBERG is not listed therein. The name CHARLES L. WOLDENBERG, residence 1050 Sherman Avenue, business, President of Woldenberg, Inc., was noticed, as was the name of SAMUEL A. WOLDENBERG, residence 119 East Washington Avenue, business real estate.

H. C. JAMIESON, Vice-president of the First National Bank, Madison, Wisconsin, was interviewed and he stated that he knows all of the

WOLDENBERG born: that he had never heard anything against the name of the family.

JAMIESON said he had never heard of MEL'S being associated in any way with hoodlums and that he did not believe he had ever been active in politics.

MR. JAMIESON stated further that MEL has spent most of in business connection with his immediate family, he having worked for his father in the department store operated by him prior to his death, and following the death of his father, he having been involved in real estate operations with his brother SAMUEL.

Agent was advised that MEL WOLDENBERG left Madison about two years ago and is thought to have made a connection with some securities or investment concern in Chicago, and in this connection MR. JAMIESON mentioned the name JACOB KULP as being the firm with whom MEL WOLDENBERG is thought to have gone.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKEL,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

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EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File 7-30.

On February 16, 1934, while in Sioux City, Iowa, agent contacted Assistant Chief of Police WHEELOCK, Sioux City, Police Department, who advised that the confidential informant, whose name he preferred not to disclose at this time, told him that on February 7, 1934, between three and four o'clock in the afternoon on Route 70 he noticed a Buick Sedan in which four men were riding and that one of the men in the rear seat had his head bandaged. The informant recognized the driver as a man known to him as "SLICK" and he advised MR. WHEELOCK that former Prohibition Agent HURRIS of Sioux City, Iowa, knew this man by his proper name.

Accordingly, MR. WHEELOCK contacted former Prohibition Agent HURRIS and the man known as "SLICK" was identified by HURRIS as FRED KOFKA, who is a police character in Sioux City and has put in time in the Iowa State Penitentiary and is at present on parole from the State Penitentiary.

MR. WHEELOCK further advised that KOFKA has been known to have attempted extortion in the past, and furnished the writer with police photograph and description of KOFKA; and further advised that MELTON NELSON, known as "TOAD" NELSON, of 2500 Vine Street, Sioux City, Iowa, is a companion of said KOFKA.

Very truly yours,

T. J. DODD,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI

St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 17, 1934.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD W. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file Y-30.

This memorandum is based on information forwarded in letter to S. A. C. Hanni by one GENE BELL, 104 North Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, who claims that his hobby is identifying fugitives. In this letter he forwards an advertisement placed in the St. Paul Pioneer Press & Dispatch under date of February 9th, which is a wanted notice by a party wanting a painter and decorator to decorate a farm home forty miles from St. Paul requesting that the address and phone number be given in replying, and that the price must be reasonable.

At the Pioneer Press & Dispatch office, this advertisement was found to have been put in by one F. R. GARNEL under box No. 9931 of the Dispatch. It was also found that another ad was placed in the same paper under the same date by the same person, as follows:

"Wanted. Portable typewriter.
Must be practically new and cheap
for cash."

This last named ad was under Box 9930.

On February 14, 15 and 16, a watch was kept at the Dispatch & Pioneer Press office to determine who might call for replies to these advertisements, there being five replies on file to the request for painter and decorator and none with reference to the request for a portable typewriter. No one called, however, and agent was advised that it was possible someone might have called for the replies to these ads the first day or two after they had been placed in the paper and received the desired replies and therefore had not returned for the others.

Arrangements were made through JOHN F. LEWIS, in charge of the classified advertising section, who stated that these box numbers would be posted and if anyone called for the replies therein, a man would be sent from the Dispatch office to determine where the party collecting the replies goes to or, if he gets into an automobile and they were unable to follow him, his license number would be obtained and any information secured would be immediately turned over to this office.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul, Minnesota, St. Paul

R. T. NOONAN,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 17, 1934.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to the memorandum submitted under date of February 13, 14, 1934, by F. J. BLAKE, the subject matter of which was the investigation made at Clear Lake, Iowa, in company with Agents Brennan, Glynn, and this agent, a letter was received on February 15th from FORD LEE, clerk in the Post Office at Clear Lake, Iowa, stating that the photograph of EMMET WARM HUGHSON, Mason City, Police No. 4568, was one and the same party as WILBUR HUGHSON, residing at 514 North Vincent Street, Clear Lake, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

E. T. MOONAN,
Special Agent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING,
St. Paul file 7-50.

With reference to the information furnished by ROBERT KELLY concerning JAMES WILLIAMS alias "SPEDDY" WILLIAMS alias FRANK WILBUR, it may be noted that although KELLY has stated that WILLIAMS was employed by the Ford distributor company of Minneapolis up until one year ago, information furnished by the Ford factory in St. Paul indicates that the only Ford distributing company in Minneapolis was discontinued about seven years ago and there has been no Parts Division or Ford branch in Minneapolis since that time. The records of the Ford plant in St. Paul do not include the name JAMES WILLIAMS or FRANK WILBUR or ROBERT KELLY.

The above information was furnished to agent by the General Manager of the Ford plant.

Concerning the reference made by ROBERT KELLY to WILLIAMS' having been involved in a Duluth bank robbery, MR. PASSOLT of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension advised agent that there has been no bank robbery in the city of Duluth within his recollection and none in the past several years; that about two years ago there was some talk of a bank messenger having been held up but even this rumor was never substantiated in fact.

Concerning WILLIAMS' having lived at the St. Paul Hotel under the name of JAMES WILLIAMS or JACK WILBUR, investigation made by Special Agent Hall indicates that no such party was registered at the St. Paul Hotel in 1933, and neither was there any registration in 1933 for ROBERT KELLY.

It is noted that KELLY was supposed to have lived at 838 Beach Street, Minneapolis, Apartment 8-A, and that he worked up until two weeks ago at the caterpillar tractor company of Minneapolis. According to records in the Minneapolis Police Department and City Directories, information being presented by Lieutenant Ray Harrington, there is no Beach Street in the city of Minneapolis.

Concerning the alleged employment with the caterpillar tractor company, agent visited this concern at 2207 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, and was advised that the caterpillar tractor company, including its plant and general offices, moved more than a year ago to Peoria, Illinois. The five employees now working at the warehouse advised that the personnel office has also moved to Peoria, Illinois, and none of these employees had

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ever heard of JAMES WILLIAMS, JACK WILBUR, or ROBERT KELLY. Approximately 300 employees were thrown out of work by the Caterpillar tractor company about a year ago when this company discontinued operation in the Twin Cities.

With reference to the information furnished that one PAUL JACKSON, employed at the Oldsmobile Agency on Minnesota Avenue had told KELLY that WILBUR was driving a Ford which stopped the victim in the BREMER kidnaping case, it may be noted that according to investigation made by Special Agent Hall, there is no Oldsmobile Agency on Minnesota Avenue.

With reference to the information furnished by KELLY that WILLIAMS had been arrested for drunken driving in 1930 by the Minneapolis or St. Paul Police Department, it may be noted that records of these departments as presented by Lieutenant HARRINGTON at Minneapolis and SIDNEY MOORE of the St. Paul Police Department do not reflect any such arrest.

Very truly yours,

E. M. NOTESTEIN,
Special Agent.

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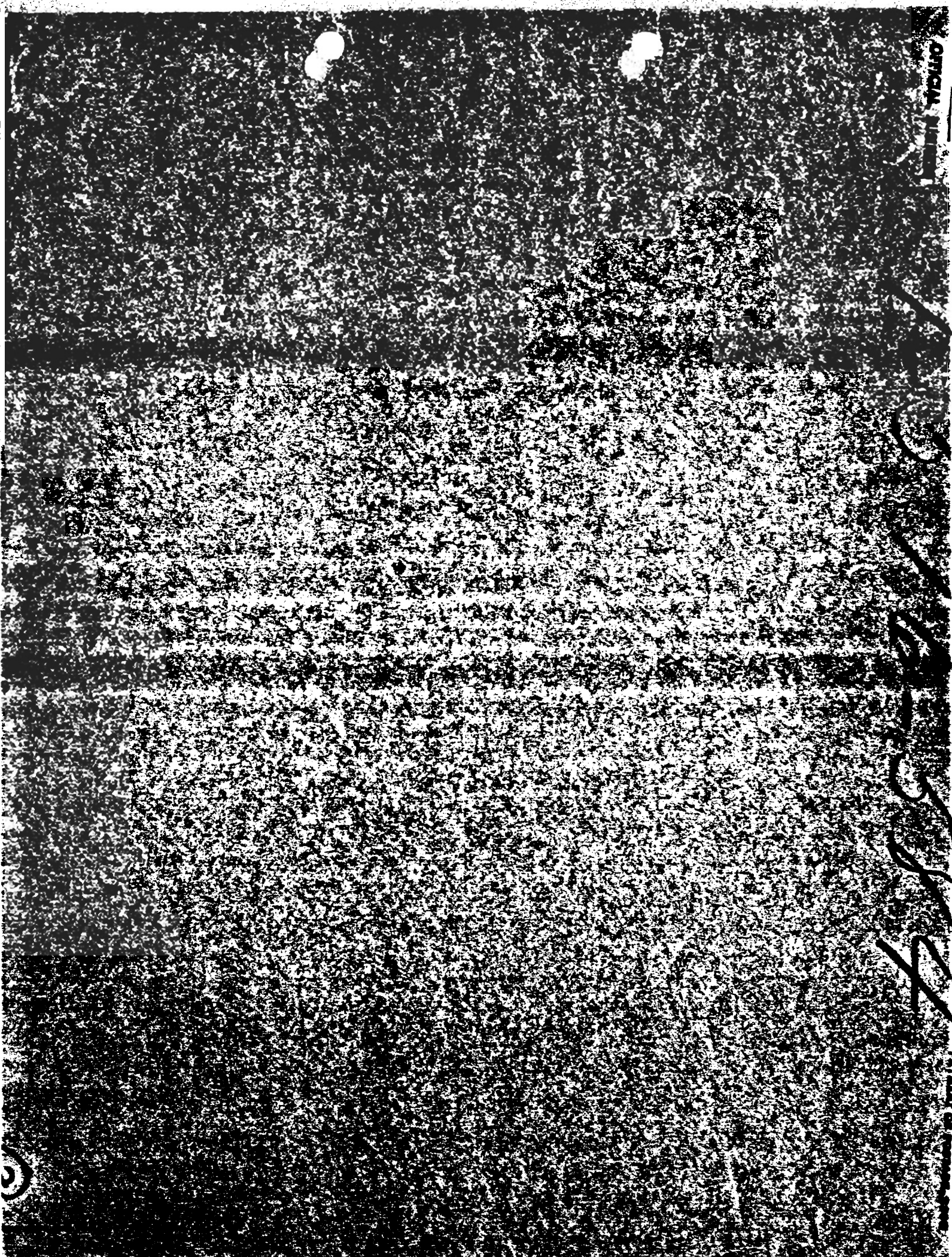
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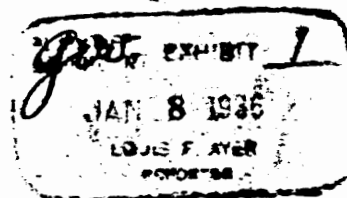
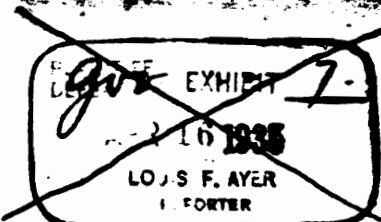
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ALVIN KARPIS, WAS, ET AL:
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM: KIDNAPING
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THREE OF THE ORIGINAL RANSOM NOTES SENT TO THE INTERMEDIARY
FOLLOWING THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD S. BREMER.

Mr. Chas. McGee



You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking. Dont try to cross us. Your future and B's are the important issue. Follow these instructions to the letter.

Police have never helped in such a spot and wont this time either.

You better take care of the payoff first and let them do the detecting later. Because the police usually butt in your friend isnt none to comfortable now so dont delay the payment.

We demand \$200,000.

Payment must be made in 5 and 10 dolar bills--no new money--no consegutive numbers--large variety of issues.

Place the money in two large suit box catons big enough to hold the full amount and tie with heavy cord.

no contact will be made until you notify us that you are ready to pay as we direct.

You place an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune as soon as you have the money ready. Under personal colum (We are ready Alice)

You will then receive your rinal instuctions. Be prepared to leave at a minutes notice to make the payoff.

Dont attempt to stall or outsmart us. Dont try to bargain. Dont plead poverty we know how much they have in their banks. Dont try to communicate with us we'll do the directing.

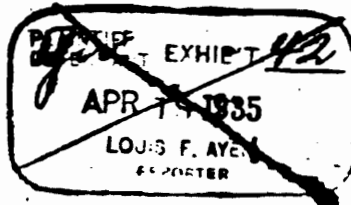
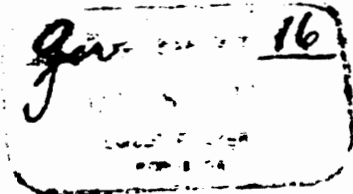
Threats arent necessary--you just do your part--we guarantee to do ours.

Mr. Chas McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

Deal only when signature is used.

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Chas McGee or Honest Adolph

The coppers jimmed the last payoff. Maybe you was in on it maybe not. Well know for sure next time. So we give you the benefit of doubt. We got a way to find out this time so we give you one more rattle.

No more assurance though that hes alive till we are assured that we get the dough. If we accept the dough you get him back alive. Thieves are not so foxy as bankers but theyr usually more honorable.

This is just a notice that you get one more note thats all.

Get the dough ready stay ready at all time and go through without the coppers or suffer the results.

Keep the money somewhere besides the bank so you wont be followed when you go to payoff.

You will hear soon but you must be ready to leave at once.

ITS THIS TIME OR NEVER.

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Adolph Bremer.

We are now dealing with you as you requested.

We dont care nothing about you 72 hours grace.

We want the dough.

Tonight is the last chance we take.

You must follow these instructions to the letter
\$500,000.00 is the price if you dont.

Here are the first part of directions

THE PAYOFF MAN MUST GO ALONE.

AT 8:00 PM SHARP TONIGHT THE PAYOFF MAN MUST BE AT
969 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WITH THE MONEY

ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THIS ADDRESS HE WILL FIND
A BLACK CHEVROLET COUPE WITH SHELL GAS SIGNS ON THE
DOORS AND TIRE COVER.

The KEYS FOR CAR AND FARTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THE
SIDE POCKET OF THE CAR

READ INSTRUCTIONS ,GET IN THE CAR AND DRIVE AS INSTRUCTED

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SIMPLE BUT MUST BE TIMED EXACLY
IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ED AGAIN.

THE IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PLAN IS THAT YOU DO
NOT GO NEAR THIS CAR ONE MINUTE BEFORE 8:00 PM

AS we WATCH YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME

Mr CHAS McGEE for ADO PH BREMER.

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for
my safety. I am responsible for the money

(Signature)

FEBRUARY 19, 1934.

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R.E. CONROY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUILDING SUITE 2
KANSAS CITY MO.

KANSAS REPORT TRAINOR DECEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST PRESS VIGOROUSLY ALL LEADS
SEEKING APPREHENSION ARTHUR AND FRED BARKER ALVIN KARPIS AND MEMBERS THEIR
MOB PHOTOGRAPHS SENT YOU YESTERDAY KEEP PURPOSE THEIR LOCATION STRICTLY
CONFIDENTIAL WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BREMER CASE BASED ON ARTHUR BARKER
LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND URGENT PHONE DIVISION WHEN LOCATED STOP SEND
TRAINOR REPORT AIRMAIL WITH ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL OFFICES WHERE NOT
PREVIOUSLY SENT EXPEDITE

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February 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 1401, 370 Lexington Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,
Victim: Kidnaping.

There are enclosed, herewith, photographs of Alvin Karpis,
Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, who
are wanted in connection with the above-entitled case.

For your confidential information, latent fingerprints
found on the gasoline cans which were abandoned by the kidnapers
have been identified as those of Arthur R. Barker.

Of course, the Division has known for some time that this
group has been traveling together.

At an early date you will receive a report from the Kansas
City Office setting forth their activities, if such report is not
already in your possession. In the meantime, the Division is preparing
Identification Orders on each of the above.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Saint Paul
Office for its information. Photographs are being forwarded to all
Offices designated by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,
Victim: Kidnaping.

Upon receipt of teletype instructions from Special Agent
in Charge Warner Hanni, Saint Paul Office, photographs of the follow-
ing were immediately forwarded to you under separate cover:

Alvin Karpis
Arthur R. Barker
Fred Barker
Volney Davis
Harry Campbell

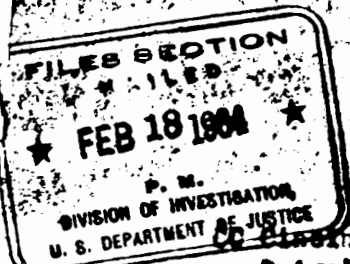
For your confidential information, latent fingerprints
submitted in this case have been compared and found to be identical
with the fingerprints of Arthur R. Barker.

Therefore, your Office should exert every effort to
immediately carry out all leads directed to your Office in the
above-entitled case with reference to the above-named.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Saint
Paul Office for its information.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Cincinnati
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NOTES PAID KIDNAPING CASES FOR PEACE OFFICERS



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Chas Mr Quinn
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MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE ADDITIONAL BANK NOTE LISTS NECESSARY
TO COMPLETELY CIRCULARIZE THIS DISTRICT

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- MR. WATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
- MR. GLENN
- MR. COWLEY
- MR. EDWARDS
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RECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE CUSTOMERS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

SPC:CSH

February 16, 1934

MR. NATHAN
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Saurwine, of the Washington News, referred to me by Miss Finnell, requested information concerning the apprehension and charges against LaRue alias Foley at St. Petersburg, Florida. He stated that Colonel Gates had advised him yesterday that he had no statement to make concerning this arrest, but that he had seen in the morning papers that six Special Agents had been ordered to St. Petersburg to interview LaRue and wanted verification of this fact or where the information came from.

I told him that I had no statement to make concerning this matter, but assured him that the information concerning the six Agents did not come from this office.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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